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HOUSE OF LORDS

WHEN the British Government introduced its proposals for reform of the House of Lords three main subjects were emphasised. They were the payment of expenses, the creation of life peers and the admission of ladies (women in the draft Bill) to the House—that last stronghold of male supremacy in Britain.

Much progress has been made in the last few weeks, although little publicity has been given to the deliberations. A brief cable last week, however, recorded that the Bill has passed its committee stage, was now to enter the report stage and will probably reach the House of Commons early in February.

The prejudices of the traditionalists in the original debate in the Lords found their champion in Lord Airle, but there was little in the arguments he advanced that could be viewed as a serious challenge to the Government proposals. Those arguments were undoubtedly pursued in the committee stage but there is no indication that they met with any greater success or led to any material amendment.

Accepted
IN the absence of reports to the contrary it seems that invasion of the House of Lords by peeresses has been accepted and that the acceptance will be endorsed when the Bill reaches the House of Commons. But the two other main issues are certain to have a prominent place in the lower house debate. Few life peers, especially those coming from the Labour Opposition, will be able to maintain regular attendance on the present scale of expense allowance of three guineas a sitting during session, or a maximum of £315 per year. It is obvious that the present allowance is inadequate and remuneration for peers more akin to that appertaining to the Commons must be seriously considered.

As in the Lords debate, the creation of more life peers will be a vital issue in the Commons. With increased membership drawn from people who have already made their mark in their own generation, the House of Lords would be able to serve the country more expertly and in a wider field in the future. Hence the importance of the financial aspect of the life peerage problem.

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SIX IRBM SQUADRONS FOR EUROPE

First Steps In A Matter Of Weeks: Norstad

New York, Dec. 22.

The United States is planning to station between six and 10 squadrons of Intermediate Range Ballistic Missiles in Europe as a result of the decision by the countries of the North Atlantic Alliance to accept these missiles in principle.



GENERAL NORSTAD
Contribution To The Deterrent

This was disclosed by General Lauris Norstad, the Supreme Commander of Nato, in a filmed television interview here tonight.

He said that these squadrons—each squadron having 15 missiles—would be the first phase of a long-range missile programme for Europe.

Interviewed

General Norstad appeared in the "Meet the Press" television programme of the National Broadcasting Company. He was being interviewed by four American newspaper correspondents in Paris.

The Supreme Allied Commander also disclosed that the cost of an IRBM Squadron and its base would "compare quite favourably with a squadron of aircraft maintenance over a period of two to three years—about \$30 to \$40 million (over \$10 to \$14 million) per squadron."

Asked how many IRBM Squadrons he would like to see placed in Europe, General Norstad replied that no Nato Squadron had yet been established, but that in US terms a squadron consisted of "15 equipments, that is missiles, in a unit."

He added that the stationing of IRBM's in Europe was a long-range programme.

First Phase

"We are planning in the first phase in terms, somewhere in the nature of six to 10 squadrons," he said.

Asked about the geographical positioning of IRBM bases in Europe, General Norstad said the first steps would be taken "in a matter of days and weeks, not months."

Asked what happened in the case of a country refusing to allow a missile base to be based in its territory for political reasons even though it might be strategically desirable, General Norstad replied that "16 allied governments had agreed last week 'that because of the general situation which confronts us we will have these missiles available to Nato forces."

"It is not necessary from a military standpoint that each country have these missiles. The range of the missiles permit their distribution to many, many places. It is no advantage to locate them where they are politically unacceptable and militarily ineffective."

Vulnerable

General Norstad was asked if the European missile bases would be vulnerable to attack.

He said that "anything important" would be vulnerable—"and that includes these bases." He added: "All of the countries of the Alliance run the risk of attack. I would think that IRBM's are a contribution to the deterrent and would strengthen our ability to prevent war and make the consequences of war much weaker."—Reuter.

OVERSEAS CHINESE INVESTMENT IN CHINA

London, Dec. 22.

Eleven factories will be set up in Fukien Province next year by the investments of Overseas Chinese, the Communist New China News Agency reported from Poochow today.

The Agency also reported that investments in Communist China by Overseas Chinese and "compatriots" in Hongkong and Macao this year was 73.6 per cent of the total amount received between 1952 and 1956.

The Agency was reporting on a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Chinese Investment Company in Fukien which was recently held in Amoy.

The Company has decided to build eleven plants in Fukien Province, which are to include fertilizer, sugar and milk powder factories.

It also disclosed that the total amount of investments received by the company from Overseas Chinese and compatriots in Hongkong and Macao this year was 73.6 per cent of the total amount received between 1952 and 1956.

The Agency said the Company now has 10 factories, including the biggest modern sugar factory in Fukien Province which went into operation in Sheny County recently, and a paper mill in Poochow.—Reuter.

ONE DEAD IN BAR SHOOTING

Paris, Dec. 22.

Three men wielding pistols, and believed to be Algerian Nationalists, last night burst into an Algerian bar in Paris and shot 13 persons, killing one man.

The attack lasted less than a minute. Thirty cartridges were found afterwards at the scene of the attack. Six others were seriously wounded and six slightly wounded.

HANDS UP!

The men entered, calling out "hands up", but began firing before anyone had a chance to move. The proprietor was among those wounded.

One of the customers, already wounded, reached the door but was killed on the sidewalk by a fourth member of the group. An Algerian newspaper seller was also wounded by the attackers in their flight.

The bar is frequented by Algerians and was attacked on before by an Algerian group. The shooting was believed to be due to a feud between rival Algerian nationalist movements.—France-Press.

Record Sausage?

Dijon, Dec. 22.

M. Robert Paytan, pork butcher of Conflie near here thinks he must have set a record with the sausage he "built" for a Paris restaurant which ordered it for the new year festivities.

It is nearly two metres long, half a metre in diameter and weighs 142 kilograms. M. Paytan used several pigs to make it.—China Mail Special.

British Reaction To Russia's Seven Point East-West Resolution

London, Dec. 22.

The statements on East-West relations made last week before the Supreme Soviet by top-ranking Soviet leaders will be taken into account when Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, answers Soviet Premier, Nikolai Bulganin's letter, probably at the beginning of January, sources close to the Government stated today.

It is expected that the seven-point resolution approved by the Supreme Soviet will be handed to the Western Powers, in which case these points will also be taken into account in Macmillan's reply.

The sources said that reports reaching here did not clearly indicate that Foreign Minister, Andrei Gromyko, had rejected the five countries' proposals for a Foreign Ministers' conference.

Necessarily

He is considered to have implied that he was referring to a Foreign Ministers' conference of the five countries, members of the United Nations Disarmament Sub-committee.

Well-informed circles said that the communiqué issued in Paris after the "summit" Nato conference did not consider a Foreign Ministers' conference should necessarily be limited to these five countries nor to the discussion of disarmament only.

It is understood that if, after January 1, the Soviet Union refuses to attend the United Nations Disarmament Commission (now enlarged to 23 members) soundings will be made in Moscow as to the views on the calling of a Foreign Ministers' conference and the drawing up of its agenda. It is felt here that the climate is not at the moment propitious for the holding of a "summit" conference.

On the resolution of the Supreme Soviet itself, British Government circles' views are reserved.

Unacceptable

The proposal whereby the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain should ban the "use" of atomic weapons was considered unacceptable because there was no mention of inspection and control considered indispensable by the West.

TRADE UNION HEADQUARTERS WAS WIRED

New York, Dec. 22.

A New York City detective admitted today that he had planted microphones in a West Side Ballroom where the Motormen's Benevolent Association met and decided to call its recent crippling subway strike.

Detective Leroy Helz told a State Legislative Committee investigating the "bugging" activities of the Transit Authority that he had acted on the orders of John O'Rourke, Chief of the Transit Police.

MICROPHONE

A Committee spokesman said that O'Rourke last night admitted that there had been widespread eavesdropping activities against the M.B.A.

It was disclosed in previous committee hearings that a hidden microphone had been planted in the M.B.A. headquarters.

Helz said that he had planted microphones in the Palm Gardens Ballroom and other meeting places of the M.B.A.

A Republican assemblyman, Anthony Savarese of Queens, told newsmen that evidence uncovered did not indicate any law violations by the Transit Authority.

SURVEILLANCE

It also was disclosed that detectives told the committee that Palm Gardens had been "bugged" for the last 18 months—and that members of the M.B.A. had been under "surveillance" since the organization was formed.

TRAIN EXPLODES

Ozark, Ala., Dec. 22.

Some fifteen carloads of petrol and ammonia blew up in the middle of Ozark today as a goods train derailed at a national highway crossing here.

Several fire brigades and ambulances were immediately sent to the spot. The number of casualties is not yet known.—France-Press.

DULLES TO BLAME

New York, Dec. 22.

Gov. Averell Harriman of New York said today that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles "must take the full blame" for any lack of agreement at the Nato conference.

He said Dulles had not prepared US allies in advance for American proposals to arm Nato forces with ballistic missiles and set up missile bases in Europe.

This, Harriman said, was "very unfortunate and very unfair" to American allies. "Harriman, made the remarks on a television programme, "College News Conference," United Press.

STILL NO SIGNS OF SURVIVORS OF NARVA

London, Dec. 22.

Some wreckage and an emergency raft believed to have come from the Scottish cargo ship Narva were spotted today by rescue craft but no sign of any survivors among the 28 crew members has been found.

A Norwegian Catalina seaplane reported seeing wreckage and a raft from the ship, which sank this morning in the North Sea, and later the Norwegian cargo ship Bruin and the Dutch ship Stad Utrecht also spotted debris from the stricken vessel.

Contrary to earlier reports, the Norwegian passenger ship Leda did not pick up any survivors when it went to the aid of the Narva after the latter had sent out an SOS early this morning about 120 miles southwest of Stavanger, Norway.

BAD WEATHER

The Narva went down while it was going to the aid of another ship caught in bad weather, the Bowworth. The 880-ton Bowworth was listing badly, its crew of 14 abandoned ship and were picked up by a British trawler. Meanwhile an even greater anxiety was felt tonight as to the fate of the Narva's 28 crewmen after the Dutch steamer Stad Utrecht reported to have picked up an empty life-boat and several life belts in the area where the Narva sank.

The lifeboat had capsized and was floating keel up. Search for possible survivors continued after night-fall. British coastal reconnaissance aircraft will patrol the area throughout the night.—France-Press.

Little Value

There is a large measure of agreement between the East and the West on reduction of armed forces and conventional weapons, reached during disarmament talks.

On the proposal for a non-aggression pact between Nato and Warsaw Pact countries: It is pointed out in the first place that Nato is not an aggressive organisation, and that secondly, experience has proved that little value can be attached to such pacts.

On the Middle East: It is considered that an unconditional undertaking not to resort to force there would lay countries in that area open to aggression, subversion and Communist infiltration.

Propaganda

On banning of war propaganda and in revealing of cultural and trade relations: Well-informed circles point out that Soviet Communist Party First Secretary, Nikita Khrushchev, recently threatened to turn Germany into a war cemetery in case of war and to annihilate American cities.

Well-informed circles said that exchanges of views on all these points would be continuously taking place between Nato countries.—France-Press.

DELEGATES TURNED BACK

Nairobi, Dec. 22.
A party of Arab nationalists en route from Zanzibar to the Afro-Asian Conference in Cairo were turned back here today. The group will return to Zanzibar.

E. N. Griffith-Jones, acting Chief Secretary of Kenya, said the conference was a Communist-front in the opinion of the Kenya and Zanzibar governments.—United Press.



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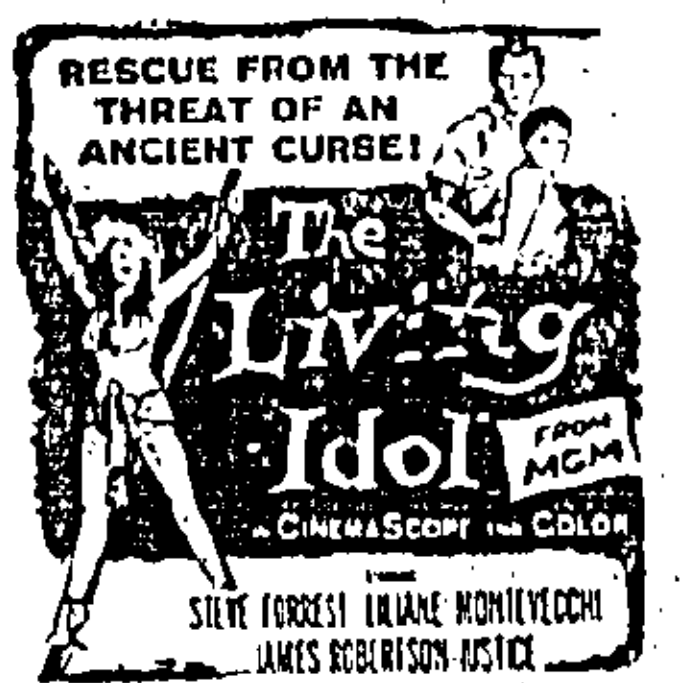
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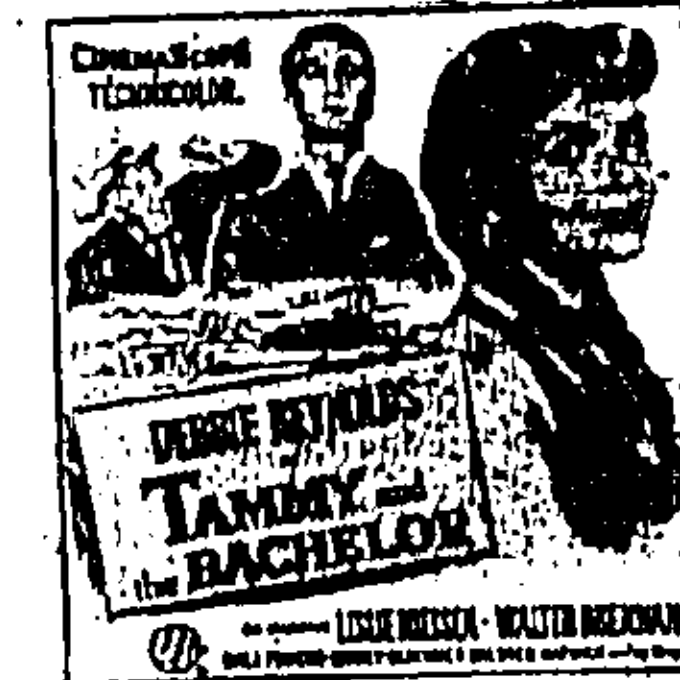
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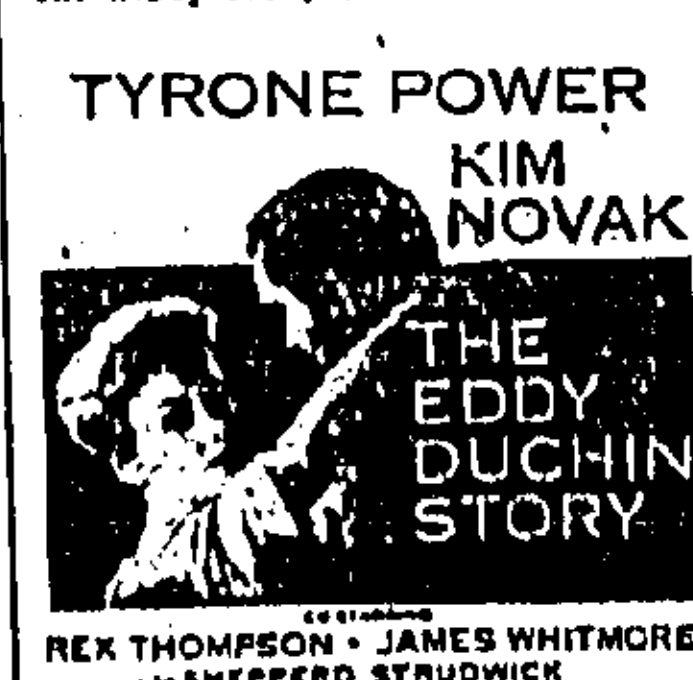
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BRITAIN HAS SAVED THE POUND BUT...

Paris, Dec. 23.
Britain has saved the Pound at a cost to
her industry, the 17-nation Organisa-
tion for European Economic Co-
operation (OEEC) said in a report
published today.
"The United Kingdom economy is now in a better
state of balance than for some time past and
speculative pressure on sterling has now
ceased," it said.

CHOU EN-LAI REMEMBERS THE OLD DAYS

Paris, Dec. 22.
Chinese Premier, Chou En-
lai attended a reunion
with more than 70 of his
old comrades-in-arms in
Shanghai today and talked
with them of the May 30
movement and the armed
uprisings in Shanghai 30
years ago, the New China
News Agency reported.
The Premier asked his
comrades-in-arms to tell
the younger generation the stories
of the heroes who fell in the
earlier struggles and the hard
fight they themselves had ex-
perienced.
"Let them inherit the re-
volutionary tradition of the
Shanghai workers, break
through all difficulties and
build up a Socialist society," he
said.
The Premier added that the
Chinese working class, under
the leadership of the Com-
munist party, would certainly
find the way to attain still
more world-shaking achieve-
ments if young and veteran
workers, and all the rest of the
people were united.—France-
Presse.

Bus Tragedy

Santiago, Dec. 22.
Twenty-one people died and
31 were injured, many
seriously, when two buses were
involved in a head-on collision
40 miles east of here today.
The Health Ministry ordered
two helicopters to carry blood
plasma to the San Antonio
hospital.—Reuter.

MAKARIOS FLAYS THE US

New York, Dec. 22.
Archbishop Makarios, the
exiled Patriarch of Cyprus,
today criticised the United
States for adopting a
neutral attitude on the
Cyprus problem.
Makarios, who was speaking
to the press before complaining
here for Athens after a three-
month stay in the United
States, said that a leading big
power should not remain
neutral when faced with a
problem of such international
importance.

The United States should
take a positive attitude on the
issue, he added.
Makarios said it was his
opinion that solution to the
Cyprus problem would be
found in time and that the
people of Cyprus would
achieve their objectives.
He said he hoped a solution
would be found before the next
session of the United Nations.
—France-Presse.

SLEEPLESS FOR FOUR DAYS

Bloomfontein, Dec. 22.
Mr. F. W. Gerike, 24-year-
old master of arts and history
student, won a local city-wide
competition which he equalled
the South African record of 88
hours.
Then he stayed on for an extra
unofficial hour to chat to friends.
He said he would soon try
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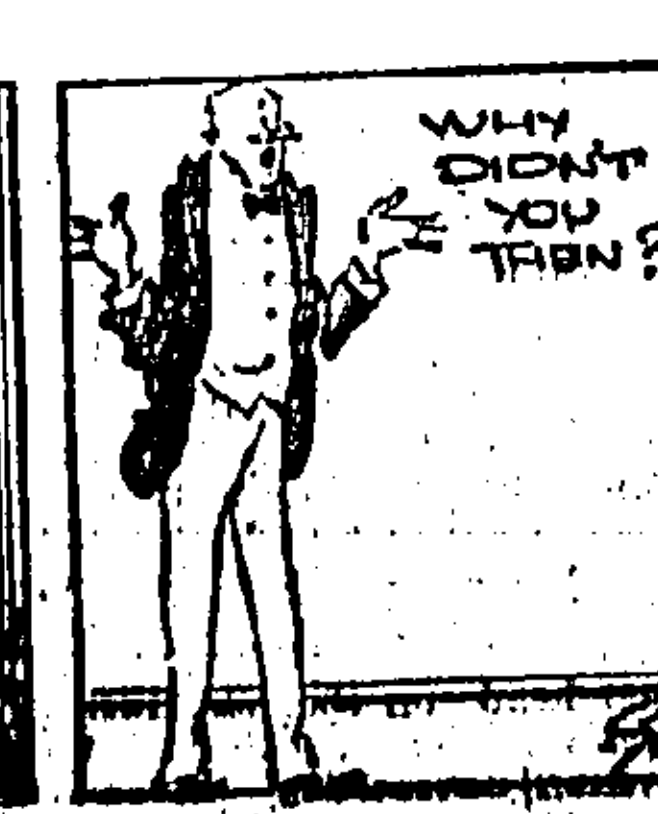
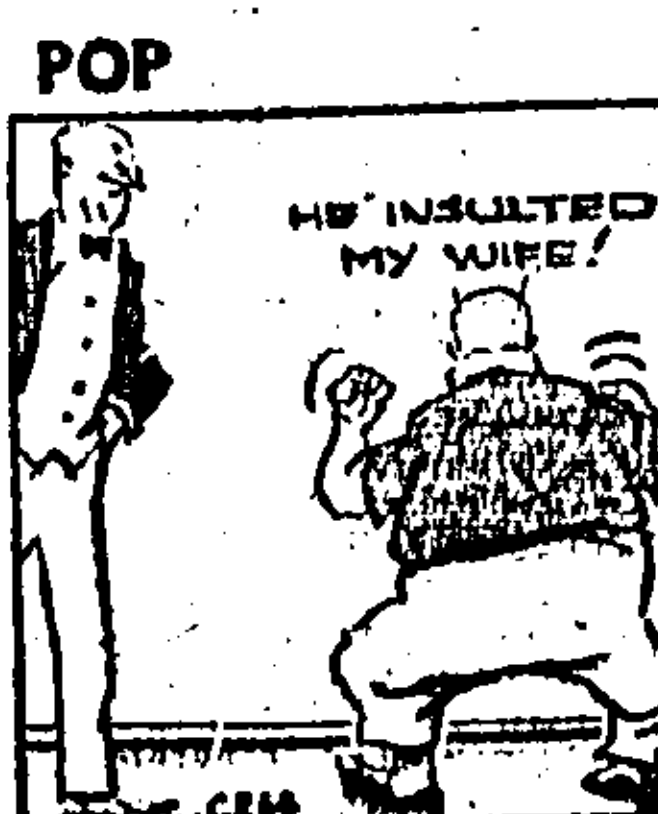
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Coleman asked his
uncle: "Why don't you
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His uncle didn't
answer, and young
Arthur swung a huge
hammer. His uncle
awoke and was taken
to Memorial Hospital
for emergency treat-
ment of a minor head
injury.—United Press.

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X'MAS WARNING

Cologne, Dec. 22.
West German insurance com-
panies have given a reminder
that carelessness with Christ-
mas candles and New Year fire-
works caused one million Marks
worth of damage last year.
China Mail Special.

Algerian Rebels Aid Legion Deserters

Tangiers, Dec. 22.
Two American deserters
from the Foreign Legion
said here today that
Algerian insurgents helped
them, a Briton and other
members of the legion to
escape nearly two months
ago.

They said they and their
comrades walked about 700
miles by night across the desert
before they were given a lift
to Tetuan, Spanish Morocco, and
"liberation."

The two Americans, Van
Lester Hollis, 35, and Edward
Rouse, 20, arrived here on Fri-
day. The American Consul-
General has contacted Washing-
ton with a view to arranging
their repatriation.

"SURPRISED"

Hollis and Rouse, both mer-
chant seamen, said that after
drinking one night in Oran,
Algeria, they were "surprised"
to find later they had "enlisted"
in the Foreign Legion.

They underwent training —
"tougher than our military,"
according to ex-marine Hollis —
and were posted to Sidi Bel
Abbes and later to Saida, south
of Mascara.

With a score of other legion-
naires they deserted at Saida.
Within hours, they said, they
were contacted by a member
of the Algerian Liberation
Army who offered to help them
to escape and gave them food
and civilian clothes.

The two men said the Algerian
insurgents circulated leaflets
inviting legionnaires to desert,
offering them facilities to
escape. They thought nearly
12,000 men had deserted in this
way since 1955.

About 150 miles from Oujda,
in Morocco, they met a truck
driver who drove them the rest
of the way to Oujda. From there
they travelled to Spanish
Morocco and eventually reached
Tetuan about a month after
they left Saida.—China Mail
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'Any Interference Will Be Dangerous' Indonesia Warns The Dutch Again

We're Not Helpless, Declares Sastroamidjojo

New York, Dec. 22. All Dutch interests will be forced out of Indonesia unless the Netherlands surrenders its hold on West New Guinea (West Irian), the Indonesian Ambassador to the United Nations warned today.

The Ambassador, Dr. Ali Sastroamidjojo, told a nation-wide television audience that "if the Netherlands' stand on the West Irian does not change, the government and people will say there is no place in Indonesia for Dutch interests."

He defended actions taken thus far against Dutch enterprises and Dutch nationals.

"If part of your country had been seized by another country," he told his panel of questioners, "you would act as we have acted—maybe worse."

He also hinted that compensation for seized Dutch properties will be based on resolving the dispute over West New Guinea.

Dr. Sastroamidjojo denied that recent seizures of Dutch property in the islands constituted nationalization. He said the properties were taken over by Indonesian employees as a result of popular resentment against the Netherlands.

Control

The government assumed control in a "supervisory capacity," he said.

He said that if the properties are ultimately nationalized, Indonesia is prepared "in principle" to discuss compensation. "But that depends on so many things—it depends entirely on settlement of this dispute over West Irian," he added.

Dr. Sastroamidjojo cautioned outside powers against intervening in the dispute.

"Any interference by Western countries would invite other big countries to come in, and that would create a dangerous situation," he said.

He appeared only lukewarm to a suggestion that the United States attempt to mediate the dispute.

"Mediation would mean negotiations, and the acceptance of mediation would depend on the chance of getting negotiations," he said.

The West New Guinea dispute is purely a political question, with no place for such side issues as economics and ethnology. The area has

always been regarded as a part of Indonesia, he said.

Asked about cultural and ethnic differences between the natives of West New Guinea and Indonesians, Dr. Sastroamidjojo replied: "Are the negroes in the United States the same as white men? The U.S. would be split into many parts if race was the factor determining nationhood."

He also brushed aside suggestions that the wishes of the West New Guineans be determined by a plebiscite.

"If we adhere to the principle of a plebiscite, it also infers that we favour a plebiscite for other parts of Indonesia," he said.

Dr. Sastroamidjojo conceded that eliminating Dutch guidance from Indonesia will impose a hardship on the nation's economy, but denied that it will bring chaos.

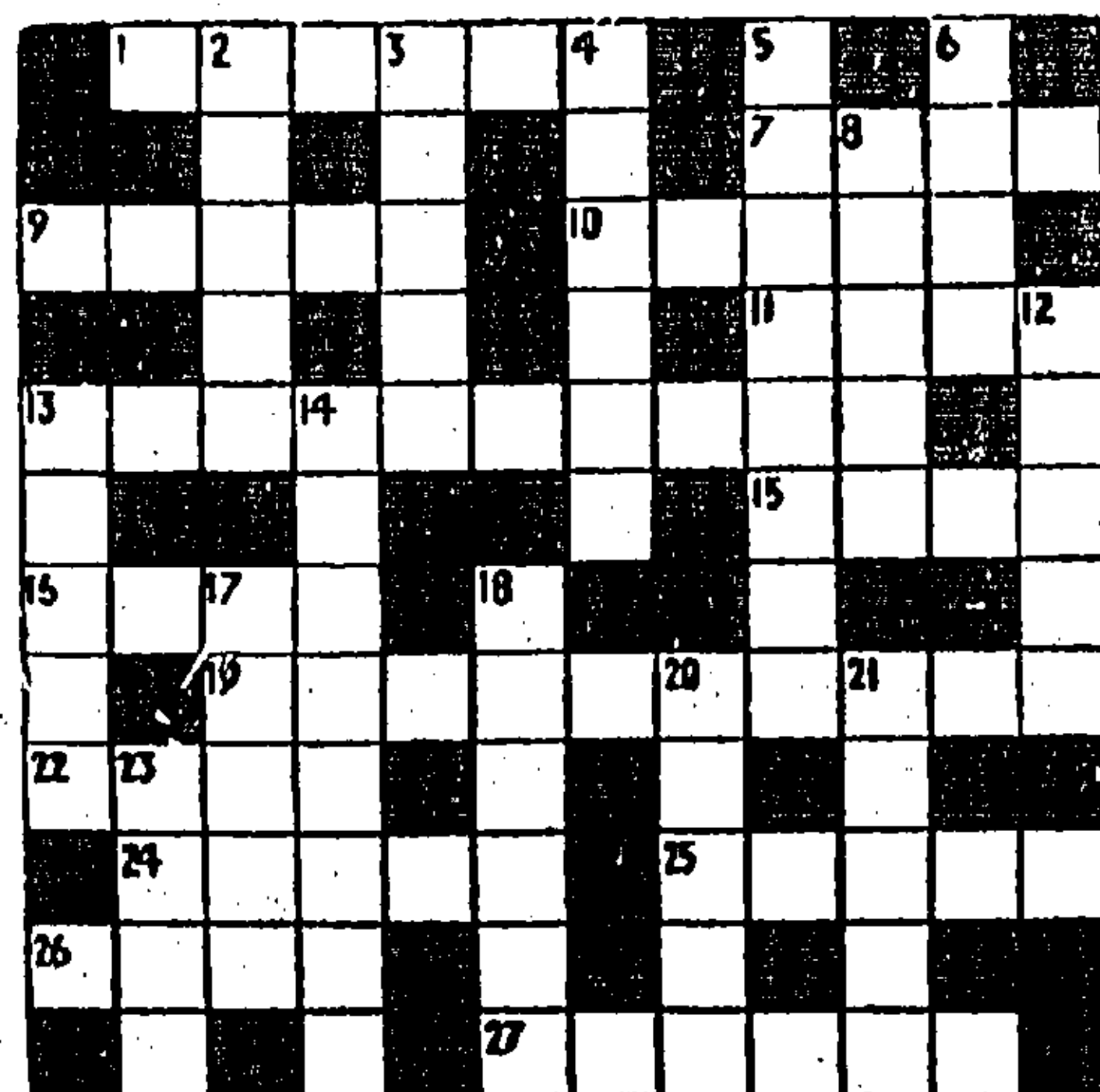
"Indonesia is not helpless," he said. "There will be hardships, but we are very confident that we will overcome them."—United Press.

'Liz Taylor Out Of Hospital

Hollywood, Dec. 22. Elizabeth Taylor left the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital here today after her appendicitis operation last Tuesday. She was smiling and showed no effects of the operation.

Mike Todd, her husband, who escorted her to her car, told reporters: "This will be her last time to the hospital."—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Sufferer for a cause (6).
 - Happy thought (4).
 - Miller? (5).
 - Scotch parrot? (5).
 - Preserves in cans (4).
 - He's having a go (10).
 - Travel in the low? (4).
 - That Gullie dahl! (4).
 - No VIP, this cleric (5, 5).
 - Transported (4).
 - Being split, many departed (5).
 - Nationality (5).
 - Famous last word (4).
 - Take ill, but not go sick (6).
- DOWN**
- Massa turns up in India (5).
 - The right herb to season, we hear (5).
 - Stop where you are! (6).
 - Royal terminus (3).
 - Well and truly joined (4).
 - Might one get such produce from Cows? (5).
 - Brightness in London SW (5).
 - All this gave relief in wartime (5).
 - Sorry (5).
 - That'll do! (6).
 - Weapon for builders (6).
 - Fountain money? (5).
 - Scottish shire (5).
 - Point of perfection (4).

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION—Across: 1. Frame, 4. Uphill, 5. Asa, 10. Peace, 12. Levant, 14. Convent, 17. Bere, 19. Inalpid, 20. Scarlet, 22. Hell, 23. Numbrel, 27. Centre, 29. Wrote, 30. Errand, 31. Dressy, 32. Eaten. Down: 1. France, 2. Arrow, 3. Exile, 5. Pann, 6. In-a-go, 7. Leered, 9. Lenient, 11. On side, 12. Venture, 15. Ooca, 16. Varlet, 18. Hug-a, 20. S-how-ed, 21. Merge, 25. Toast, 26. Laden, 28. N-E-W-S.

'OPERATION DEEP-FREEZE'



A member of the United States Navy's Task Force 43 is seen reflagging the trail from the Little America Station to the scientific base at Marie Byrd Land in the Antarctic. The U.S. Navy is supporting the U.S. participation in the International Geophysical Year.—Keystone.

Peasants Prepare To Fight The Yellow River

Tokyo, Dec. 22. A massive assault by millions of peasants on China's greater water menace, the Yellow River, was forecast on Saturday as the nation's top river experts closed a conference in Peking.

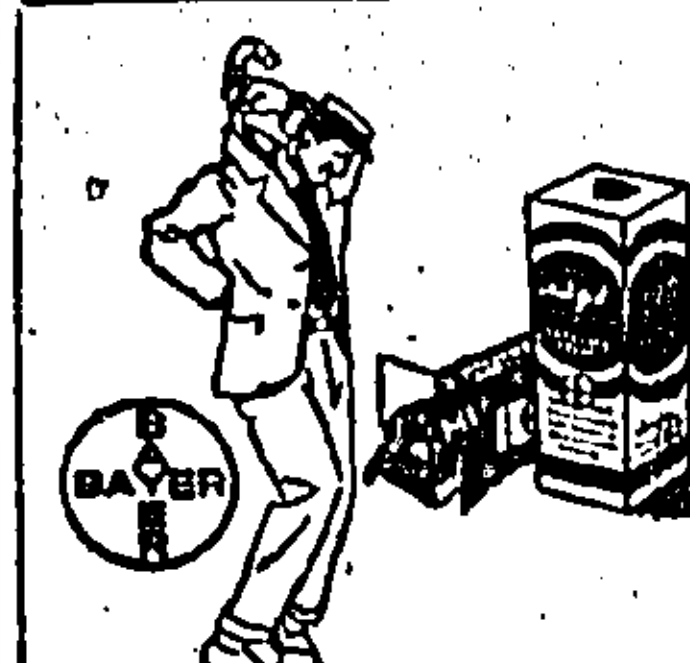
The upper reach of the Yellow River, known for centuries as "China's Sorrow," would be the main area of water control and soil conservation work during the next five-year plan, Chen Cheng-jen, reported. Chen, director of the Water and Soil Conservation Committee of the State Council, said that with reforestation, grass planting, dams and small reservoirs, the River could be made to serve the people instead of extracting a heavy toll in perennial floods.

OTHER PROJECTS

In addition to work on the Yellow River, Chen reported, other projects would be carried out on the Halho River in the North, the Yangtze and Hui in Central China, the Pearl in the South and the Liao and Sungari Rivers in the Northeast.

The plan for the next five years, Chen reported, was the first of two successive five-year plans during which the Chinese hope to bring more than two-thirds of 144,000 square kilometers (55,984 square miles) of land now subject to soil erosion and water loss under control.—United Press.

La Rochelle, Dec. 22. France's oldest goose, "Cocotte," died peacefully at Marseilles today after 31 years of untroubled existence. Despite her age, "Cocotte" laid 23 eggs this year.—France-Press.



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Simonetta, 18 Months, Will Have Happy Christmas—In Gaol

Verona, Dec. 22. Santa Claus wears prison garb for 18-month-old Simonetta Armellini. This youngest inmate of Verona's grim gaol has melted the hearts of the murderers, thieves, rapists, swindlers and prostitutes she calls "aunt" and "uncle."

The convicts have turned toy-makers and given up cigarette money to make this "fabulous Christmas" for the little girl who does not realize she is in gaol.

Simonetta came to live in a barred cell recently with her mother, Gina, who was sentenced to nine years for swindling. Italian law will allow the 30-year-old convict to keep her child with her until Simonetta is two. Then Simonetta will be sent to an orphanage.

From the first morning the sandy-haired infant toddled down the cold prison corridor, she was "niece" to each of the criminals at whom she peered curiously through the bars. "A little child like that should have all the milk she wants," one convict said from behind his bars.

Father Pietro Cesana, the prison chaplain, said three murderers, five thieves and two swindlers gave up their daily rations of milk to supplement Simonetta's. Simonetta has been given the run of the cell block corridor where her mother lives in a cell painted with cheerful colors on special orders from Minister of Justice Guido Gonella.

Prison guards also allowed the infant to amble through other cell blocks occasionally. The guards said a threat of suspension of Simonetta's tours became the best disciplinary weapon against her "aunts" and "uncles."

One day Simonetta returned from a walk in town with some nuts and told the inmates about a fairyland of toys in Christmas shop windows.

The convicts began fashioning a foot-high Christmas tree of tin foil to stand in Simonetta's cell. They worked with even greater care on their cell-made toys and hid them away to present to the child on Christmas day.

One convict proposed a collection to buy Simonetta other gifts and the others contributed \$10.90.

"It's a huge sum for them," Father Pietro said. "It came from cigarettes and even bread they gave up for Simonetta."—United Press.

TODD TRIES AGAIN

Hollywood, Dec. 22. Hollywood producer, Mike Todd, who gave a party for 18,000 guests in the Madison Square Gardens stadium, New York, last October and found himself entertaining nearly 50,000 is planning a new party to be celebrated at each guest's own home on champagne and food sent by Todd.

Todd felt that the Madison Square Garden episode fell far short of a social success. The purpose of it was to launch the film "Around The World In 80 Days."

Minor incidents occurred, including the selling of walters of Todd's champagne to guests at \$10 a bottle.

The new party will celebrate the first birthday of the film. Todd plans to send each "guest" a basket containing six bottles of champagne, the makings of a festive supper, a note on how to serve the champagne correctly, an album of specially recorded music by a 100 piece orchestra and a request that his health should be drunk.—France-Press.

THE SPACE AGE

Berlin, Dec. 22. East German fashion specialists have created a "Sputnik" tie.

The ties are red, sporting a blue globe circled by two antennae-studded Sputniks.—United Press.

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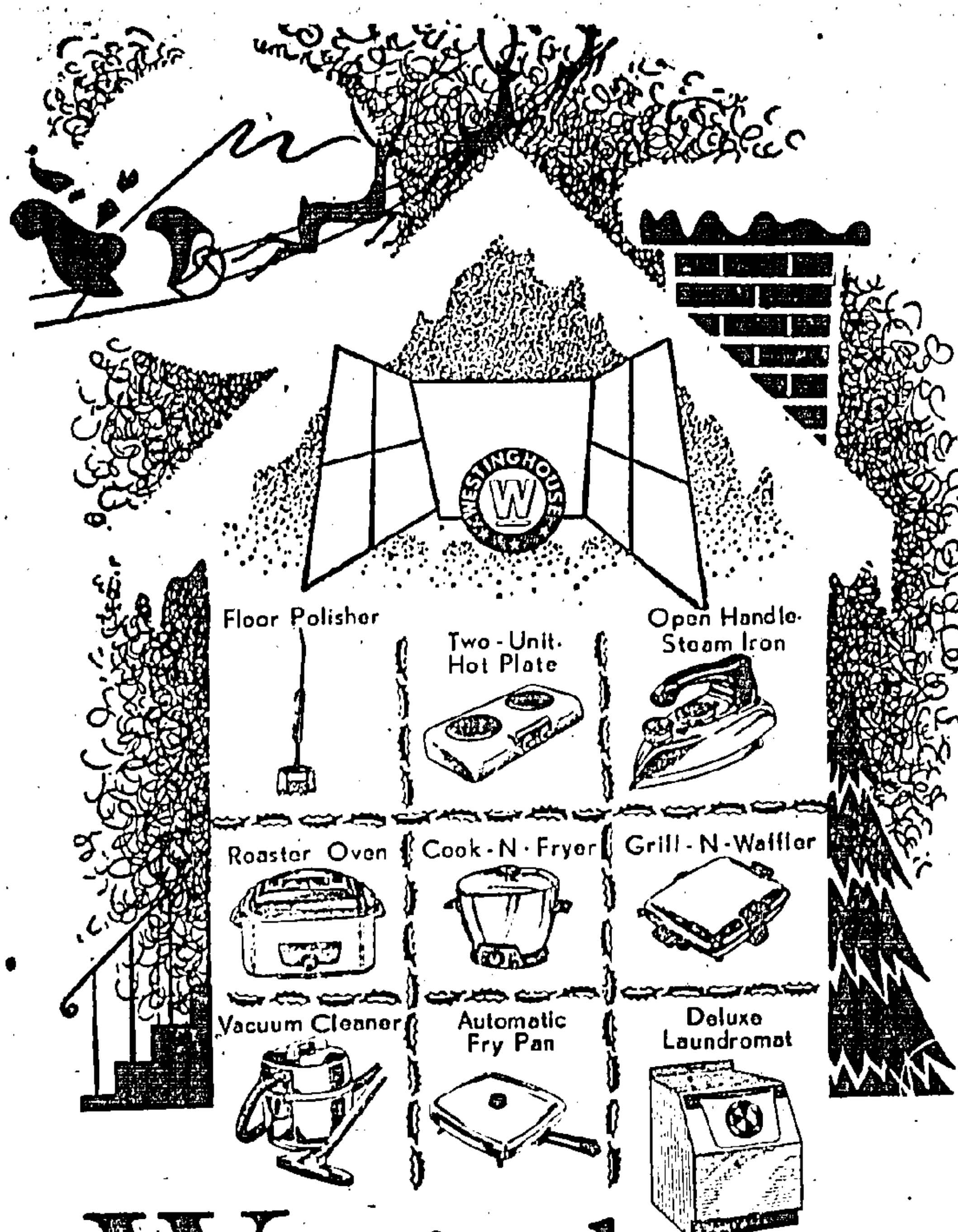
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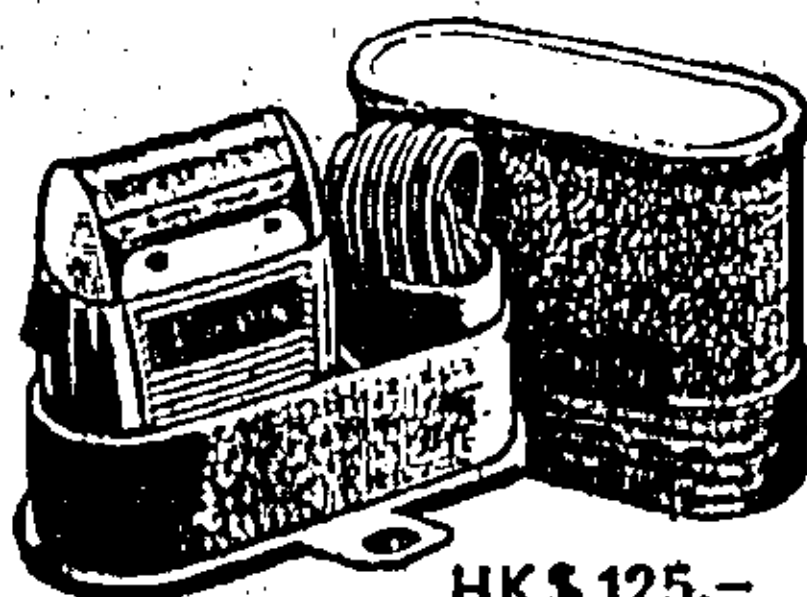
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The Day Christ was Born

Continuing the dramatic hour-by-hour account

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"WHAT does truth mean?"
Pilate was to ask 33 years later of the man who now lay still unborn inside Mary on the Bethlehem slope.

Pilate did not wait for an answer; no answer may be possible; Jesus did not give it then. There is mystery in all things, in ordinary birth, in love, in beauty, in faith; there are no simple explanations.

There is a mystery locked in Mary's womb as she waits, heavy, patient, weary.

In the mind of Joseph, too, are restless questionings. In the minds and imaginations of thousands of Jews around these hills, and in the further hills of Galilee to the north, are prophecies and portents, unnamed dreads and fierce hopes.

The land was soft but, as I have said, not the people. That year, in the Galilean hills that Mary and Joseph had left a few weeks earlier, outlaws had grouped themselves under a man called Judas of Galilee. They bided their time.

Three years later they were to raid Sepphoris, capital of Galilee, and equip themselves with weapons.

Messiah

It was here, among these outlaws, and among the fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, who helped them and fed them, that they remembered most strongly that this was the land of Israel; and that out of it would come a Messiah, an anointed one, a son of David, who would deliver the country from foreign oppression.

Joseph and Mary belonged to these hills. Joseph was not one of the outlaws, he had his trade; but they knew, both of them, the history of their race, and they believed in the preserved saying of the prophets.

They knew, too, as all did, the dampness of the times. Beggars' hands stretched out from littered rags at each street corner.

No one was secure from robbery. In all these towns and

villages, low-built agglomerations of houses clutching the sides of hills, disease ran. Men were blind, deaf, dumb; were lepers; were epileptics and paralytics.

The deliverer would come; the deliverer would come from Galilee.

"Hear ye now, O house of David; is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?" had written Isaiah. "Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a young woman shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

The Jews waited for another Joshua, a Messiah that is, for a new Jesus and a Christ. And on the hillside, this wintry day outside Bethlehem, Mary rests with Joseph, and about her is his cloak.

Matthew tells us of Joseph; Luke tells us of Mary. The two stories do not add together; the truth cannot be deduced out of their accounts, but the faith can; the belief can.

Let Joseph think of the story Matthew was later to tell; and Mary of Luke's tale, while the sun briefly warms the hills and all about them the Jews suffer and comfort themselves with their prophecies and their hopes.

The dream

Nine months ago, Joseph reflected, he had not been married; only engaged. Then one day, shortly before they were married, Mary had come and said she was pregnant.

Joseph smiles at the recollection; his first instinct had been to break off the engagement.

Then, he remembered the day well, he had fallen asleep, his mind in a turmoil. He had always been devout and, also kindly, and loved the girl he hoped to marry. How could he now?

He slept uneasily that night, and his mind was full of dreams. Then he dreamed that an angel came and said to him: "Joseph, son of David, do not



be afraid to accept Mary as your wife, for the child she has conceived has been conceived through the Holy Spirit. She will bear you a son. You are to call him Jesus, the Saviour, for he will save His people from their sins."

Joseph woke up. His mind was clear, the doubts had gone. He accepted Mary as his wife. Then they had had to come all the way from Nazareth to Bethlehem, to register in his family home, and here they were, resting on the slope.

The priest

Mary now, too, between the pains which come more frequently, drowsed. She is glad that soon the baby will come.

It didn't really begin with me, she reflected. It began with my elderly aunt Elizabeth, and old Zacharias, her husband. They had been married a long time; neither of them ever thought they would have any children.

Zacharias was a priest. One day when he was at the altar burning incense the people worshipping were outside, praying.

Zacharias prayed, and suddenly on his right he saw an angel. The old priest had been

terrified; but the angel had been gentle and had said: "Don't be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been granted and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son. You have to call him John. He will go out like Elijah, to reconcile fathers and children, to make the disobedient into good men, and to make the people prepare for the Lord."

Gabriel

Zacharias stood in the heady dark; outside, the people prayed on. "How am I to know that this is so?" he said to the angel. "I am an old man; my wife is getting on in years."

"I am Gabriel," the angel said, "I have been sent to speak to you and tell you this good news. But because you haven't believed me, you will be dumb and you won't be able to speak a word until the day that it happens. Be sure it will all happen in due course."

Outside, the prayers had stopped. Everybody was wondering what kept the priest so long inside. Then the old man came out. He could not speak. He gestured to the people, they saw him trying to make signs, but he could not speak. He still had a few days of duty to do in the temple, then he went home, still dumb.

Shortly Elizabeth became pregnant. She had no doubts, was wholly glad. "How good the Lord is to me," she would say, "deciding to remove my disgrace."

Mary smiled, remembering Elizabeth's simple pleasure. She had not known of all this for five or six months. She was living not far off in Nazareth, a young girl, and she had just become engaged to this dear man Joseph.

One day, Mary recalled, she had been sitting alone in her father's home. Suddenly before her, coming in through the door, there had been an angel.

"Greetings, Mary, you are highly favoured," he had said to her. Mary did not like this language at all. What did he mean?

"Don't be alarmed," he said, "God loves you. You are going to be a mother of a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be a great man. He will be known as the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give him the throne of His ancestor, David, and He will be King over the people of Jacob. His reign shall never end."

"How can this be so?" Mary remembered saying. "I am not married."

The angel answered her. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, the power of the Most High will overshadow you. That is why your child will be called Holy, the Son of God. Look: your aunt Elizabeth has conceived a son and she is in her old age. She was called barren and now she is in her sixth month; nothing whatever is impossible to God."

"I belong to the Lord, body and soul," said Mary. "Let it be so."

of that one day in Bethlehem that changed the history of the world



Mary's visit

Mary smiled; she remembered it all brightly, so clearly. She had straightaway got some travelling things together and hurried off across the plain of Esdras to Judea, where Elizabeth lived.

She knew her way, went straight to the house of Elizabeth and Zacharias. She shouted "Hello" to Elizabeth. Elizabeth, who had not seen her, started. The child inside her leaped.

Elizabeth saw Mary in the doorway and suddenly called out "Blessed you are and blessed is your child! This is indeed an honour, to have a visit from the mother of my Lord!"

Mary had stayed with Elizabeth for about three months, and indeed Elizabeth was almost about to have her baby when Mary decided to return to Joseph and to Nazareth. Elizabeth, Mary had heard, had had her child and called him John; and there again, it had been strange. The neighbours had all expected him to be called Zacharias, after his father, and at the naming ceremony, after the infant had been circumcised, they all assumed he would be so called. But Elizabeth was firm. "No," she said, "he is to be called John."

The Baptist

The neighbours signalled to Zacharias, who still had not spoken since that day in the temple, asking him for his opinion. He motioned for a tablet, and wrote "His name is John."

Everybody was amazed at his decision, and even more amazed subsequently, for he suddenly began speaking again. His tongue was no longer stiff, and he began prophesying:—

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed His people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David. . . . And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest; for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins. . . ."

So John the Baptist was born. He lived in the wilderness, so we are told, until the time came for him to preach the coming of the Christ.

In the rain

Outside Bethlehem the brief sun had gone. A sudden squall of rain hit the faces of Mary and Joseph.

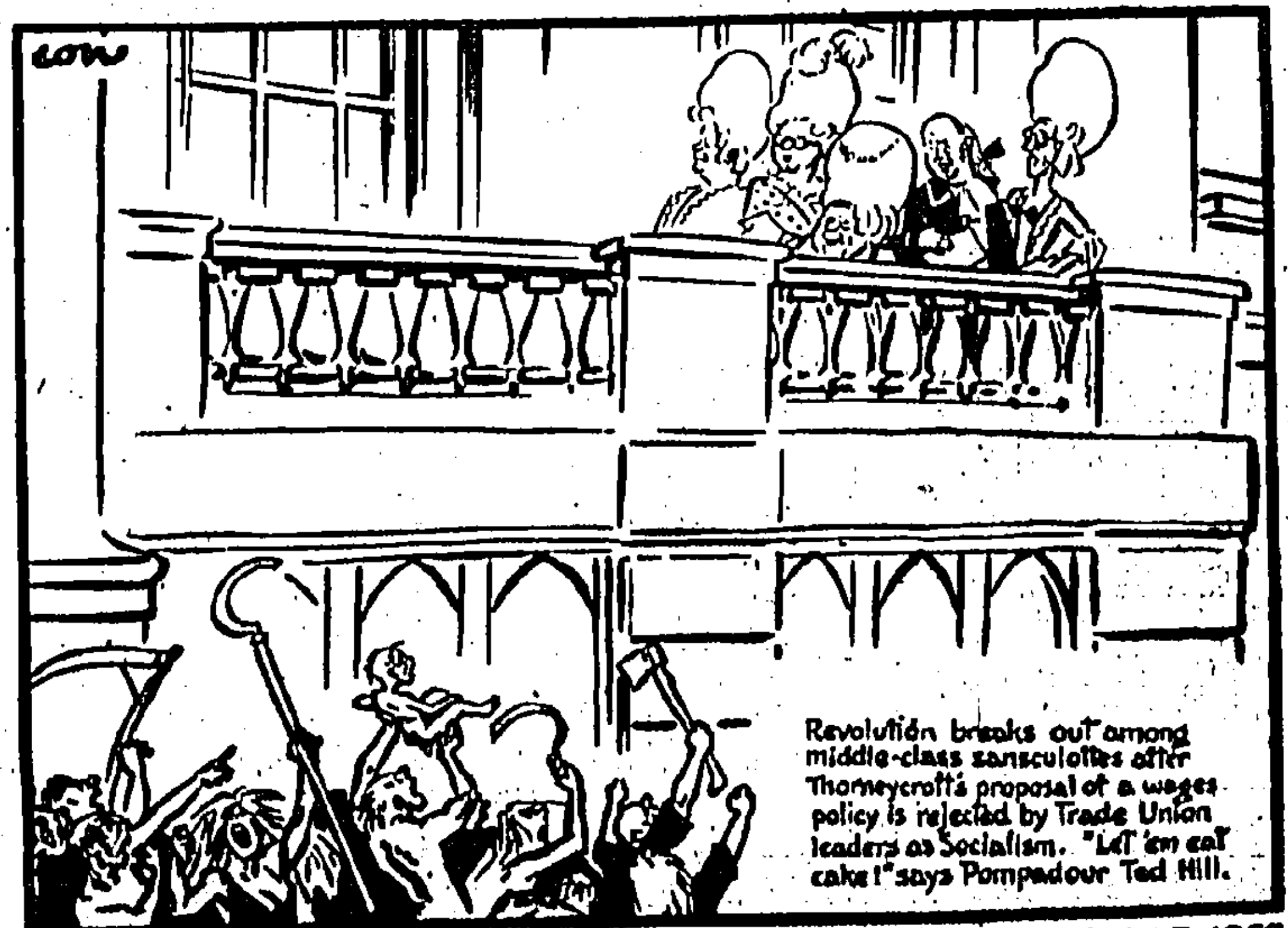
"We had better get back to the village," says Joseph. "There is hail in it!"

They wrap their clothes about them. Two simple people, a carpenter, and this young wife, he holding her shoulder, trudge back to the village through the olive fields. Her pains are getting worse.

"We must hurry. You must lie down," says Joseph. His rain gets heavier. There is hail in it.

It has been a long time, these nine months. It is almost over.

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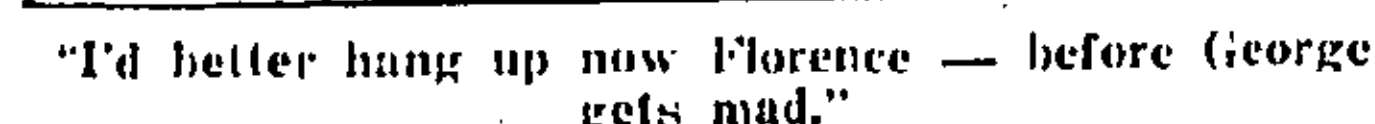


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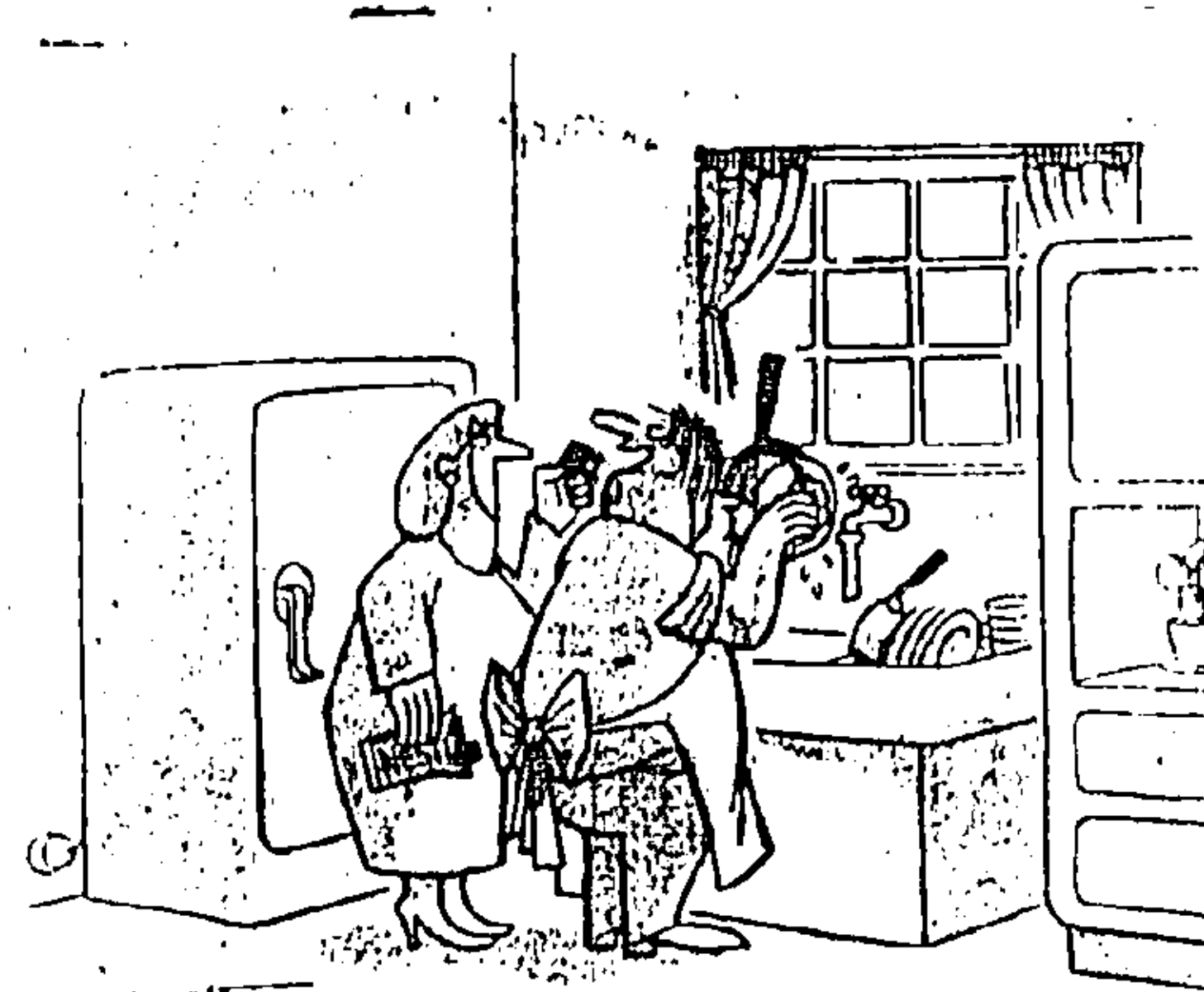
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I. M. MacTAVISH ON YESTERDAY'S SOCCER BUSMEN WON AS THEY PLEASED Kowloon Motor Bus 8, Army 1 !!!

KMB . . . 8, The Army . . . 1!!! That's how the scoresheet read at the end of this game which was played before a big crowd at the Club Stadium yesterday afternoon. Let me assure you that but for the heroics of McNicol in the Army goal the scoreboard at the end would have looked like a brilliant first wicket stand at Chater Road.

The Busmen won as they pleased. They were never in the slightest danger and they coasted to an immaculate victory against an Army side that was too poor to be true.

They were poor not only in ability but also, strangely enough, in fighting spirit and many of the players had thrown in their hands long before the end. They played negative football right from the start and but for the magnificent first-half goalkeeping by McNicol they would have been in an utterly hopeless position long before the interval.

The goalkeeper saved several shots that seemed certain to find in the net and two spectacular leaps to divert thundering drives from Lau Kai-chu and Lau Chi-lam and another to tip a cunning lob by the latter player over the bar had the crowd cheering their heads off. What a pity the wonders achieved by the man in the bright green sweater could not coax his teammates out of their gloom and despondency. The soldiers were a feeble lot and the margin of their defeat in no way exaggerated the superiority of the KMB boys. . . . If anything it erred in the opposite direction.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

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By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

To be absolutely fair however, let me take you behind the scenes of this game and into the Army manager's sanctum. The side was beset with an accumulation of major faults. Pullboats Left and Lamb had both sailed for the United Kingdom. Henderson had been ruled right out as completely unfit. . . . several players who had been earmarked for promotion to the senior side were also unfit. . . . based on recent form, changes were badly needed in the forward line.

These were the facts that were generally known, but on top of all that there were also grave pre-match doubts about the fitness of centre-half Cawley, but so pressing were the other problems, it was decided to take a chance on the big pivot.

It was a calculated risk that failed to pay off. Cawley had a confidence which the HKFA had placed in him by nominating him for the Number Five shirt in the Hongkong Selection side to face Wacker F.C. in ten days time. In spite of his height he was beaten several times in the air. . . . he was woefully slow on the turn. . . . and as KMB centre forward Lau Kai-chu netted five of his side's eight goals the centre-half's failure to control the middle of the field is underlined in the most graphic way possible.

Cawley was not the only failure in the Army side. Both of the debutant backs will remember their initial run-around for a long time. They played much too square to the line of attack and left a great gap in the middle whenever Cawley moved left or right. Poole worked like a Trojan and is the only soldier-apart from McNicol, of course—who escaped. He did everything that one man could possibly do to pull something out of his colleagues. . . . but, alas, it was a thankless task.

Erstwhile Skipper

The Interport Selectors must have blushed to the roots of their hair as they watched the respective right halves in action. On the one side they had Tang Sum, erstwhile Colony skipper, playing a brilliant game as though he wanted the selectors to see what they had missed when they left him out of the Hongkong teams which were picked a few days ago. On the other side and playing badly was Mendum, the man chosen to fill the right half position in the All-Hongkong side.

This was just about the soldier's worst game of the season. He never tamed Lam Kam-long and his distribution was curiously poor for a player everything he was the direct cause of two goals against his side.

If the Army defence was weak it is difficult to find the right term to describe the forward line. It is doubtful if they caused the KMB defence to raise a sweat during the whole 80 minutes, and in the same time they did not produce one sustained combined movement that was worthy of a goal. Tagoe, temperamental and truculent, could have made almost the same contribution to the proceedings from a seat in the stand. Unless the ball was rolled on to his boot he apparently decided it wasn't for him. In fact the only time he roused himself during the course of the game he scored a goal in the second half.

It is hard to find anything good to say about this inept attack. MacDowell worked as hard as he always does and in the opening stages it looked as though Cumming would make a success of the inside right

berth, but long before the end he was noticeably only because of his thinning thatch. The game passed Mahoney by and no one spectator pointed out to me he always seemed to be moving in the opposite direction to the flow of the play.

For KMB this was nothing more than a pleasant Sunday afternoon outing. . . . through the game with an easy confidence that promised a rich harvest of goals long before they actually arrived.

Tang Sum, Lau Tim, and Leung Kit formed a middle line on which the Busmen's success was built and with the wing halves pushing an endless stream of passes to the eager forwards, the result of the game was never in doubt. . . . in fact the difference in the performances of the two sides accurately reflects the difference in their respective League positions.

Wide Open Spaces

The KMB forwards held points-picking picnics in the wide open spaces in the Army defence lines and revelled in the soldiers' inability to cope with the cross ball from either wing.

Lau Shu-wah put the Busmen on the early road to victory with two quick goals in the 15th and 18th minutes. Both times the ball came across from the right wing and while the defenders hesitated the little winger got the ball into the net. The marking on both occasions was atrocious.

McNicol dived, punched, clutched and cleared to such good purpose that the Busmen were denied any further score before the interval.

The second half was not long in progress before we saw the shape of things to come. Lau Kai-chu raised the total to four with a couple of neat counters in the 55th and 58th minutes.

Tagoe chalked off one in a breakaway in the 68th minute when he pushed the ball accurately into the net as Wai Kai-kin raced out to meet him, but any hopes we might have had of an Army revival disappeared completely within two minutes when Lau Chi-lam beat McNicol for the fifth time.

Lau Kai-chu was moving around to good purpose and, aided and abetted by all his forward colleagues, he rubbed salt in the soldiers' wounds by sending McNicol to the back of the net to retrieve the ball on three occasions before Referee Mak Yeung-fai blew a merciful final whistle.

Verdict

This was once again the Busmen who recently swamped Kithcee. This time they were given even less opposition. It is impossible to account fully for the paucity of the Army side. Someone had better send an urgent signal to Bell and Lamb who are somewhere at sea. . . . they should be asked to send back the team's fighting spirit which they must have packed in their kitbags by mistake. Where was the spirit of the Army side that played and fought so magnificently against South China? . . . It certainly was not at the Club Stadium yesterday. The game was even more one-sided than the score suggests. . . . need I say more, A Special Salute to nap-hander Lau Kai-chu.

The Teams

KMB: Wai Kai-kin; Lo Pak, Kwok-ping; Tang Sum, Lau Tim, Leung Kit; Chow Shu-hung, Lau Chi-lam, Lau Kai-chu, Lam Kam-long, Lau Shu-wah.
Army: McNicol; Hindmarsh, Woodcock; Mendum, Cawley, Foster; Tagoe, Cumming, MacDowell, Mahoney, Snodden.
Referee: Mak Yeung-fai.

Yesterday's Athletics

By "RECORDER"

The general standard at the HKAAA Second Open Athletic Meeting of the current season at the South China Athletic Association Stadium at Caroline Hill yesterday morning was fairly good, in fact much better than one could have looked forward to with so many of the established stars no longer with us.

There were no really outstanding performances, even by local standards, with the exception of a high jump of 5 feet 11 inches by Lau Din-yeo who thus equaled his own Colony record.

The standards in the runs were not bad. In 100 Yards, W. Woodham, who won the 100 Metres Dash in 11.4 seconds, and in 100 Yards, there are two sprinters who should push Stephen Xavier to his best later in the season. The other 100 Metres finalists, were also better than average and there should be no "cheap" places in the Colony Championship final.

Xavier ran his first race of the season to a fine finish, 22.9 seconds for the 200 Metres, one second short of his own Colony record. He wasn't pushed, but the track was in fairly good condition, better than one normally expects it to be. Diocesan Boys' School's Archie Liu won the 400 Metres in 63.3 seconds — one of the fastest times ever returned by a school-boy for this distance in Hongkong — from Yacob Tsai, also DBS, who was timed in 54.2.

Two-Way Battle

The 800 Metres final turned out to be a two-way battle between M. Goddard of the RAF-Kai Tak and Sgt. Len Barnes of RMEZ. Goddard won by a tenth of a second in 2 minutes 42 seconds.

This was fast going for Caroline Hill and, though there have been many faster times in this Colony, most of these have been accomplished on faster tracks. Alan Morris of DBS was third. He is a good prospect, but it was quite obvious that he isn't ready and still lacks the experience of running in fast company.

It was a repeat for Goddard and Barnes in the 1,500 Metres. The former just scraped under Colony Standard Medal time.

Barnes accomplished something quite out of the ordinary in placing second also in the 5,000 Metres, run 20 minutes after the final of the 800 Metres. Gnr. Ted Allison was the winner of this race in 18 mins. 43.3 secs.

Barnes' triple of 2:04.3-4:26.4-16:45.4 for the three distances was a better accomplishment than that of Robin Wente, who ran the equivalent distances over yards at the Norman Phillips' Trophy Meeting earlier this year, but in comparatively slower times.

Not Too Remarkable

The hurdles times were not remarkable, but not bad, and Yip Kwok-ping brought his best in the "low" down to quite a respectable 63.4 seconds, a performance generally good for at least third place even in the palmiest days of low hurdling in this Colony.

Lau Din-yeo scored another victory with 41 feet 11 1/2 inches in the Hop, Step and Jump, a good performance by local standards, but little else can be said about the rest of the field events (except, of course, the High Jump).

Colony Standard Medal winners were Archie Liu in the 400 Metres, M. Goddard in the 1,500 Metres and Carole Brundie in the Long Jump.

HKAAA OPEN MEET SUMMARIES

Results of finals at yesterday's HKAAA open Athletic Meeting were:

100 Metres Dash—1. L. D. D. W. Woodham (40 Field Hgt. 11.4 sec.); 2. Yacob Tsai (DBS) 11.4 sec.; 3. Poon Keng-tai (La Salle) 11.4 sec.
200 Metres Dash—1. Stephen Xavier (HKAA) 22.9 sec.; 2. K. Kennedy-Skippen (DBS) 23.0 sec.; 3. Yacob Tsai (DBS) 23.0 sec.
400 Metres Dash—1. Archie Liu (DBS) 63.3 sec.; 2. Yacob Tsai (DBS) 54.2 sec.; 3. Ted Allison (DBS) 54.2 sec.
800 Metres Dash—1. M. Goddard (RAF-Kai Tak) 2m. 42.2 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 2m. 43.3 sec.; 3. Alan Morris (DBS) 2m. 43.3 sec.
1,500 Metres Dash—1. M. Goddard (RAF-Kai Tak) 4m. 36.4 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 4m. 36.4 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 4m. 36.4 sec.
5,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 18m. 43.3 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 18m. 43.3 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 18m. 43.3 sec.
10,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 37m. 11.4 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 37m. 11.4 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 37m. 11.4 sec.
20,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 74m. 22.9 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 74m. 22.9 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 74m. 22.9 sec.
40,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 148m. 45.4 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 148m. 45.4 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 148m. 45.4 sec.
80,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 296m. 91.1 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 296m. 91.1 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 296m. 91.1 sec.
160,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 592m. 182.2 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 592m. 182.2 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 592m. 182.2 sec.
320,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 1184m. 364.4 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 1184m. 364.4 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 1184m. 364.4 sec.
640,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 2368m. 728.8 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 2368m. 728.8 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 2368m. 728.8 sec.
1,280,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 4736m. 1457.6 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 4736m. 1457.6 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 4736m. 1457.6 sec.
2,560,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 9472m. 2915.2 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 9472m. 2915.2 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 9472m. 2915.2 sec.
5,120,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 18944m. 5830.4 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 18944m. 5830.4 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 18944m. 5830.4 sec.
10,240,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 37888m. 11660.8 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 37888m. 11660.8 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 37888m. 11660.8 sec.
20,480,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 75776m. 23321.6 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 75776m. 23321.6 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 75776m. 23321.6 sec.
40,960,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 151552m. 46643.2 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 151552m. 46643.2 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 151552m. 46643.2 sec.
81,920,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 303104m. 93286.4 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 303104m. 93286.4 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 303104m. 93286.4 sec.
163,840,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 606208m. 186572.8 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 606208m. 186572.8 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 606208m. 186572.8 sec.
327,680,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 1212416m. 373145.6 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 1212416m. 373145.6 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 1212416m. 373145.6 sec.
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21,971,520,000 Metres Dash—1. Gnr. E. D. Allison (HQUE) 77594624m. 23881318.4 sec.; 2. Sgt. L. Barnes (RMEZ) 77594624m. 23881318.4 sec.; 3. P. F. Barker (RAF-Kai Tak) 77594624m. 23881318.4 sec.
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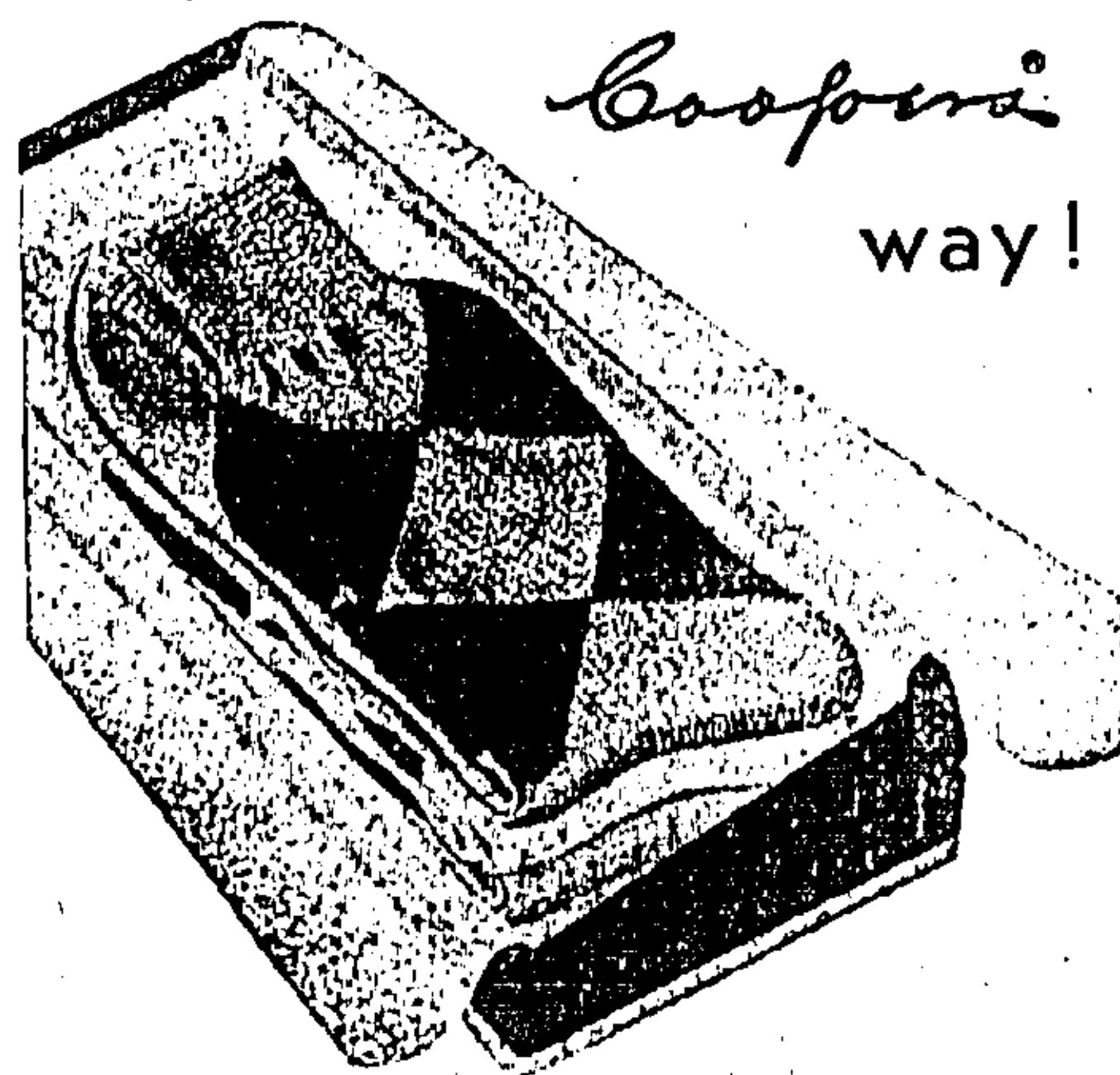
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Club "B" take pride of place with their "impossible" feat, for, playing a far better brand of rugby than they have all season, the Club "B" humbled Garrison in a hard and exciting match by 9 points (3 tries) to 8 points (1 goal, 1 try).

On the other side of the harbour, Club "A" tumbled and bumped their way to a com-

pletely undeserved win over RAF Mainland, with O'Kelly just saving the Club's "face" by converting two penalty goals to make the final score: Club "A" 6 points RAF Mainland 3 points (1 try).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pile It On, MacTavish!

Sir,—On behalf of thousands of football followers, I would like to express my complete support for I.M. MacTavish's excellent article on higher prices for stand seats at the Government Stadium.

The latest proposal is the craziest yet and it is up to you and Mr. MacTavish to fight it tooth and nail—the fans are on your side.

RAF TYPE.

These surprising wins make only one positional change in the Tournament Table with RAF Island leap-frogging over 48 Brigade to third place, while Club "B" a magnificent win puts Club "A" well into the clear, for it is extremely un-

likely that Garrison will play off their outstanding matches.

How They Now Stand

Club	P	W	D	L	Pts	Pos
Garrison	11	9	0	2	108	22
RAF Island	11	9	0	2	108	22
48 Brigade	12	9	0	3	123	10
Navy	10	4	0	6	123	14
Police	12	2	1	9	64	13
RAF	9	1	7	39	121	3
Club "B"	11	1	9	39	128	3

Club "B" v. Garrison

To have never won a single game, all season and then to beat one of the strongest teams playing is a very large feather in the cap of every member of the Club "B" side, and they fully deserve the appellation "Giant Killers".

Garrison was perhaps not at maximum strength, but were near enough to make no difference, but against this "B" side they were completely out-

classed.

The Club "B" three passed perfectly, and the Club

forwards gave the Garrison little of the ball.

The Garrison three would hardly have seen the ball at all had it not been for Child striving mightily in the line-outs.

Steward was outstanding and Heaton found openings in the Garrison defence, left, right, and centre.

Kirkwood at full back was magnificent, and a special word of praise goes to Kivert who seems at last to have found his true position, in the centre of the three.

Squires played a reasonable game for Garrison, but his three never settled down, and it was not until it was too late that Garrison came into the picture.

Police v. 48 Brigade

Police switched back to fly half and Lloyd to the centre of the three before the game started. The result was astonishing. Police took Lillott's pass, which could have been considerably bettered, time and again, and though he was not able to get moving very fast with Lillott's slow throwing, he still moved his three into action.

Not was this all, for the Police three, contrary to all expectations, seldom dropped a pass. Not that their passing was good, but somehow every Police three took his passes like an international.

Club "A" v. RAF

The Club must thank their forwards for really saving the day, for though slow in the loose they took possession in all of the line-outs and 70 per cent of the scrums, thus denying the ball to the RAF three.

With anything resembling even remotely a back division, the Club would have won easily, but behind the scrum were seven butterfingers, men so poor that they could never be designated as players, who dropped passes in every direction, who never covered up, and who never except twice in the whole game looked dangerous.

O'Kelly stood still and dummed his way into the arms of the hard going RAF three, while behind him Cheong and Daigle turned so much that it was impossible to tell what Ingis and Cooke were like, for they never got the ball.

Moss, Sumner and Whiteley did their best in the forwards, but they were on their own, R.A.F. without the ball did not get a chance to shine to any great extent, but they kept trying, and their three, while slow off the mark — in fact most of them stopped to receive a pass and then run on — did at least handle the ball and were quick in the loose.

The RAF wing forwards were in fact too quick and were often offside round the scrum, but the referee seldom saw them.

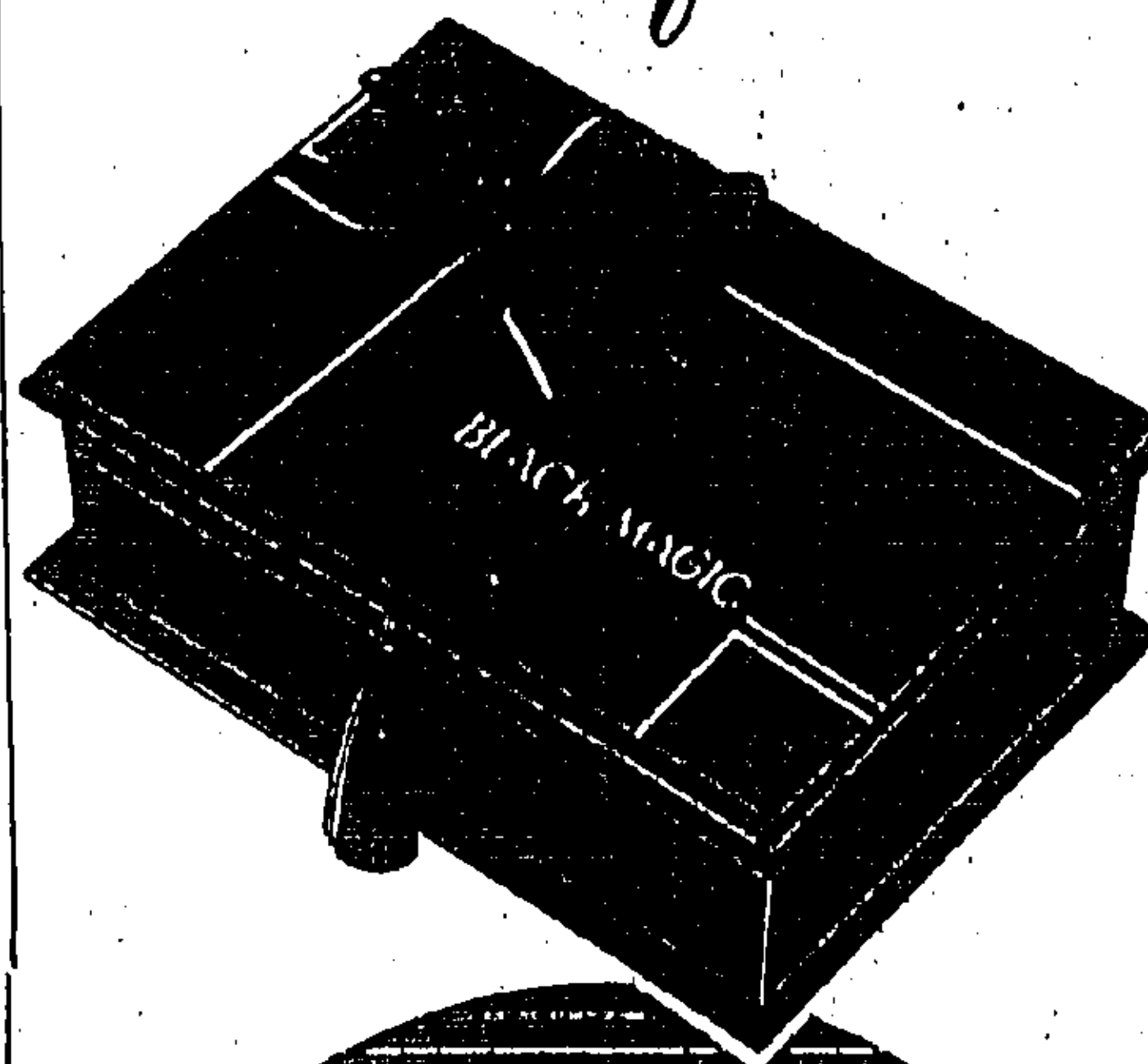
RAF Island v. Navy

This was a scrappy game, with Navy winning 80 per cent of the scrums, sharing the line-outs and getting nowhere in the loose. Both teams handled badly, and only three players did well, Hitchings and Watt for the Islanders, and Thomas, far and away the best forward on the field, for the Navy.

SOFTBALL

The review of the week-end's Softball League matches by "Time Out" appears on page 8.

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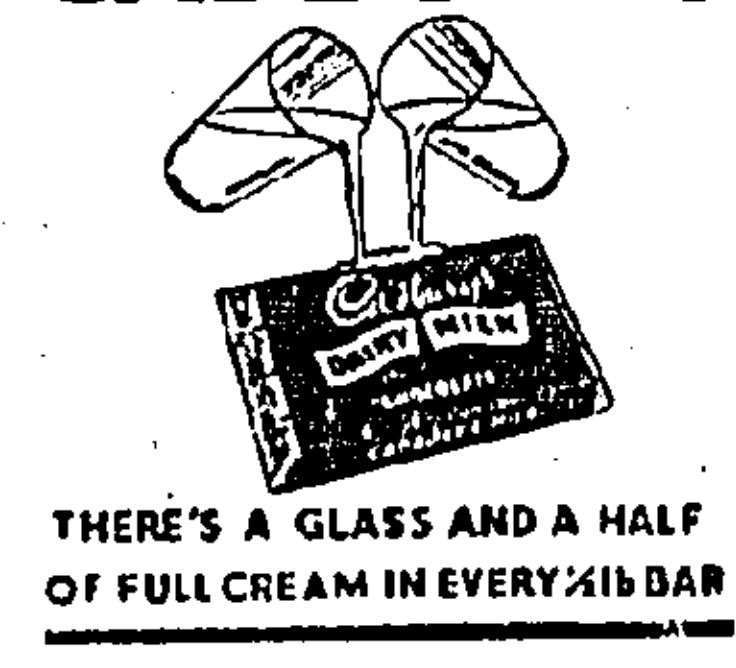
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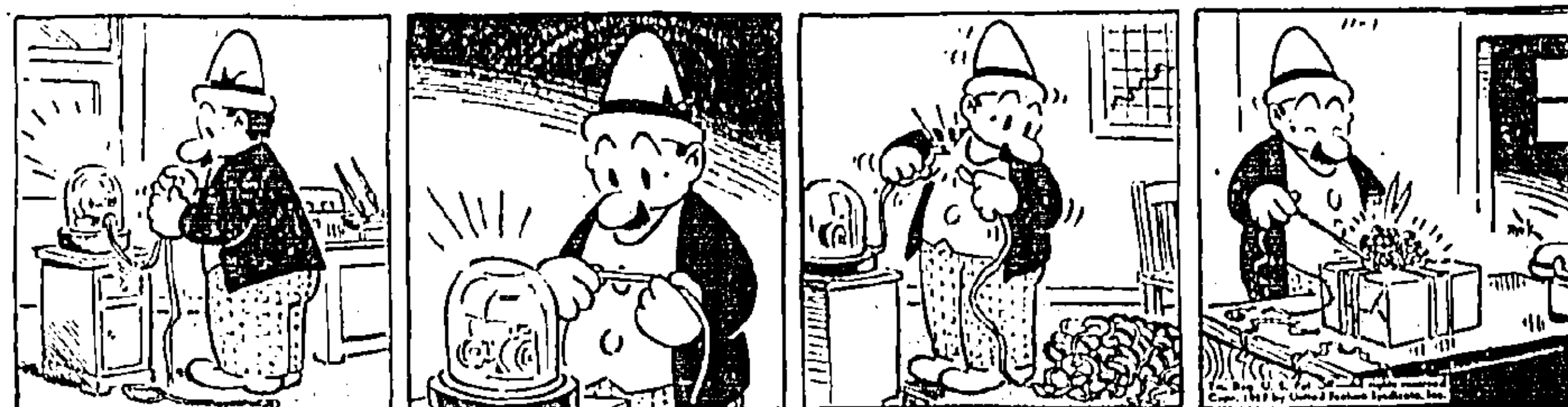
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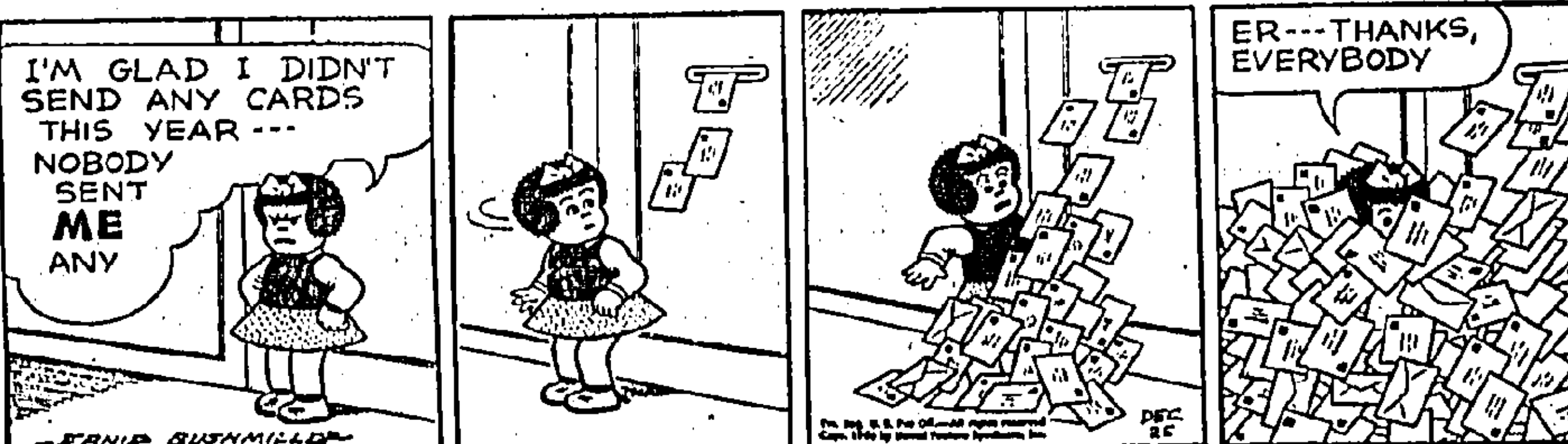
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DISAPPOINTMENT FOR FANS

By "TIME OUT"

Highlights of the crowded week-end softball programme were in their order of importance, firstly the well-deserved no-hitter tossed by the University's Frances da Silva against the rookie Overseas girls, secondly the high number of injuries that plagued players, no less than seven sprained ankles being reported and lastly a plate umpire's surprising interpretation of a simple ground-rule that must have raised quite a few eyebrows amongst the old-timers who were present at the Warriors versus U.S. Navy Senior League game—but more of this later.

In spite of the publicity given to the P. I. Dodgers and Pandas tilt, only a handful of fans were scattered in the stands when game time came around and they must have been sorry they wasted their precious time for the game turned out to be one of the poorest seen in the Senior League to date because of the non-appearance of two of the best pitchers in the League—Vic Pedruco and Jackie Wei.

Fred Dicola's Dodgers banged out 17 hits in a 22-11 victory in a game that produced a poor brand of softball. The only thing worthy of mention was the spectacular hitting of the Dodgers' Antonio Gutierrez who poked out a pair of four-baggers while Eric "Gato" Remedios made his debut as a Dodger, a memorable one when he included in his 4-in-6 batting performance a homer and a triple over the right-field barrier.

The other Senior game between the Warriors and the new U.S. Navy team, from the

USS "Curke" also failed to produce any thrills as the Warriors' "Goose" Wong was in sparkling form, fanning eight while his mates backed him up with air-tight fielding and 18 hits to down the Navy by 22 runs to 0.

Jolt For Hurricanes

In the Ladies League, the League-leading Hurricanes received a jolt to their Pennant hopes when in one of their worst displays to date they were humiliated by South China by 17 runs to 8.

The Carolinians' "Pennant" Yim Lai-shung, wreaked sweet vengeance for her side's first-round reversal when she limited the heavy-hitting Hurricanes to only six meekly hits. This time the 15 errors committed by the Hurricanes was more than enough for the Chinese girls to cakewalk to victory.

All the cheers were reserved for the University girls who in the Sunday morning game they acquitted for a green Overseas side by 14 runs to 3. Congratulations go to the U.S. Frances da Silva who had the honour of pitching the Ladies League's first no-hitter of the season.

Even though the game went only five short innings, this does not detract from her magnificent performance on the mound. She had the Overseas girls swinging at every pitch to her advantage and certainly earned her no-hitter.

The Men's Junior League morning game between the Wah Ying and War Eagles also ended in a curbed game. The former notched up a new record, bunting 31 fielding chances for the most errors chalked up by any team to date. The Eagles won this game 10 to 4 and even the official scorer had great

difficulty in restraining himself from yawning through sheer boredom.

But Why?

In the Warriors versus U.S. Navy tilt, with the latter trailing by 12 runs in the first two frames, the Warriors' Joey Reis poked a long ball over the right-field fence and promptly stopped at third—in strict accordance with the ground rule so clearly stated in the Official Handbook.

His look of surprise matched that of his manager, Al Oliveira, when the plate umpire beckoned for him to come home and the hit was duly recorded as a home run.

Yet earlier "Gato" Remedios had poked out practically the same hit and had to stay put at third.

The only difference I could see was that Reis batted right-handed and Remedios left-handed, but it still doesn't explain why the former got an extra base. I should be interested to learn the reason, if any, for the strange decision in Reis' case.

Fortunately it made little difference to the US Navy, but surely all team managers must take an interest in this matter for obvious reasons.

Comedy, Music And Romance

DURING Jerry Lewis' screen career escapades, he has been at war with the Army, he has reduced the navy to a shambles, he has made a spectacular break into Hollywood, now he is "The Delicate Delinquent" showing at the King's and Princess.

In this film, he is supposed to be a would-be-tough who inadvertently becomes embroiled with the neighbourhood leather-jacket gang, the leather-jacket being the mark of the tough set. This picture is held to be Jerry Lewis' best comedy yet, but that depends whether you can find fun in this admittedly ludicrous situation, but which involves a far more serious social problem. Despite his danger-laden involvement with the hoodlums, Jerry wants to rise from his lowly position as a janitor in a down-and-out rooming house.

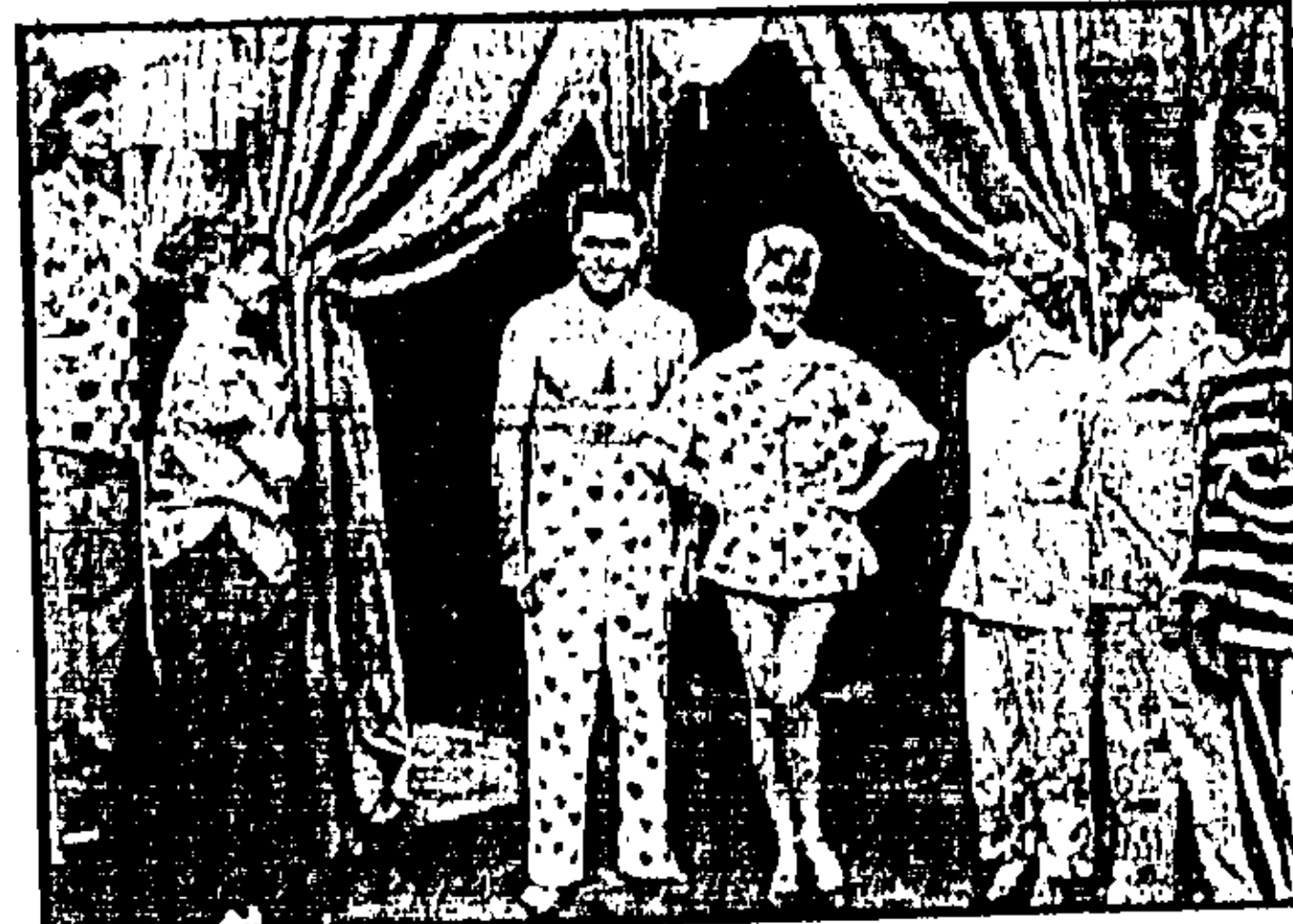
through all the fun and games of "The Pajama Game." John Raitt, by the way, played the lead in the Broadway show. This is his first appearance in big films.

Carol Haney is another newcomer to the film. She got the Broadway audiences going with her rendition of "Steam Heat." Made in Warner Colour, the film is a bright holiday attraction, and will delight audiences who are in the mood to laugh along with its crazy interpretation of staff trouble in a clothing factory.

"BAND OF ANGELS"

Which comes to the Queen's and Alhambra to play over the holidays, is an unusual picture with an unusual theme.

"Band of Angels" is the title of the Pulitzer Prize winning novel written by Robert Penn



Doris Day and John Raitt in a scene from "The Pajama Game."

Warren, and it has been made into a film by Warner Bros. The stars are Clark Gable, Yvonne DeCarle, Sidney Pollier, and Eftem Zimbalist. The story, which is filmed in Southern States at the time of the Civil War.

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Filmed in the actual locale of the story, the film is shot in many actual Civil War settings. A plantation mansion built in the early 1800's is seen in the film. The river-boat and old cottages all tend to lend colour to an already colourful film.

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There is no need to mention that "The Pajama Game" which opens at the Lee and Astor tomorrow is a film version of the sparkling musical comedy that ran on Broadway for almost three years.

All the Richard Adler-Jerry Ross songs are there. "I'm Not At All In Love," "Steam Heat," "Small Talk," and "Hey There." I should never have thought you could make a record running musical from so prosaic an institution as a pajama factory, and industrial disputes involving such insignificant matters as to whether the staff gets a raise or not.

And when you introduce such subjects as trade unions, I should have thought grand opera on Wagnerian lines would do justice to such a subject. However, Doris Day as "Babe" and John Raitt as her leading man take these frolic

JOHN LUFF presents Telecrit

I SHOULD like to open this week's column by wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Now down to business.

Obviously you will be wondering what you are going to see over the holidays. Apart from the top-rate features, here are the items of seasonal interest included in the programmes.

Starting with Christmas Eve, the "Report From America" carries a most unusual slant, which in print, seems almost cynical comment upon this seasonal occasion. This BBC and USIS feature will show an interview with the correspondent of the London Observer.

The slant is, you will see a tree decorated with odd items for instance, on its branches will be a cash-register. The interview then goes on to state why the cash-register features as a proper Christmas decoration. When I was told this I could not help recalling the famous words of Ebenezer Scrooge, "What is Christmas Time..." And then his answer.

TALKING about Scrooge, here is something I don't intend to miss on Christmas day. At 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. there is a special TV performance of "A Christmas Carol." In this approach some famous people, whom we shall see no more in person. The part of Scrooge is taken by Sir Seymour Hicks, and opposite him as Bob Cratchit is Donald Calthrop, and the story is directed by Henry Edwards. These names will ring a bell with the lovers of the real old stage and the days of real acting.

At 2 o'clock on Christmas day, the Choir from the Training Centre for the Blind will come along to sing Christmas Carols. Billy Tingle was talking to me the other day about the 50 completed performances, and what wonderful work so many kind people are doing at this institution. They will sing alternately in English and Chinese.

KEEPING to Christmas Day, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. is Children's Time. I think the grown-ups would do well to look on this for it is a Surprise Party. I don't wish to take the surprise out of it, but I do want to mention one or two items in case you miss them if you are not watching.

Apert form two special stories which feature in the programme there is a first rate conjurer, K. F. Wang. What I particularly wanted to mention was, however, many of you will remember Shirley Tembo. A little film will be introduced which is called "From Rags to Riches." All the children are under seven, and this was Shirley Tembo's first appearance on a screen, the last only for just over ten minutes, so don't miss it.

BOXING Day gives the big feature to the children. They are to get an hour and a half programme, and the main event is a circus film called "Little Big-top," where the children take over the circus. At 7.30 p.m. brings the two teenagers into the picture with the Skiffle group from 33rd General Hospital. These boys gave a good account of themselves in TV Talent Time.

NEXT Saturday, the 28th is another big occasion for TV. The camera will take you to the huge public farewell of the Governor, Sir David Young. The whole occasion will be telecast enabling many who cannot be on the spot to join in the event.

NOW back to affairs of the season for a moment. I wonder how many of you recall how a number of years ago, a little girl wrote to the Editor of the New York Sun asking him if there was a Santa Claus.

At that time, the little girl of some nine years of age had met up with some older kids who were giving her a ragging for believing in Santa Claus. So bitter was her disappointment at thinking she was losing a dear friend that she appealed to the Editor of the New York Sun.

His Editorial on the subject of Santa Claus became world news. It was a stern rebuke to those cynical adults who say there is no such person, and a warm affirmation to those who believe in this cheery old being. What I wanted to say is, that little girl has now grown up, her name is Mrs Douglas, and together with a representative of the New York Sun, she will appear on our screen in "Report From America."

Once again, A Happy Christmas to you.

What's ON TONIGHT

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KING'S & PRINCESS: "The Delicate Delinquent." Jerry Lewis wants to be a policeman.

QUEEN'S: "Ali-Baba And The 40 Thieves."

ALHAMBRA: "Animal Farm."

ROXY & BROADWAY: "John Of The Black Gangs." Vittorio Gassman and Constance Smith in an Italian production of medieval times.

STAR & METROPOLE: "Man Afraid." George Nader and Phyllis Thaxter.

HOOVER & LIBERTY: "The Invisible Boy." Science fantasy.

LEE: "The Bolshoi Ballet." Galina Ulanova at the Covent Garden.

RITZ: "The Eddy Duchin Story." Tyrone Power and Kim Novak.

CAPITOL: "Tammy And The Bachelor." Leslie Nielsen and Debbie Reynolds.

MAJESTIC: "The Sun Also Rises." Tyrone Power and Ava Gardner in a Hemingway novel.

ORIENTAL: "The Living Idol." Steve Forrest and Lilliane Montevecchi in Modern Mexico.

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Investigator's Body Found In Lake

Anti-Pest Campaign In Peking

Tokyo, Dec. 23.
Peking has started a war
against obnoxious insects.

The New China News Agency said today 50,000 Red Cross volunteers turned out on Sunday in a big publicity drive to wipe out flies, mosquitoes and other pests.

DISPLAYED

Secondary school girls posted themselves in groups in "conspicuous places" in Peking's busy quarters and displayed pictures, charts and diagrams describing the harm caused by the "four pests"—flies, mosquitoes, mice and grain-eating sparrows.

They explained through loud speakers the "best way in locating and wiping out the pests and their breeding grounds."

They hummed, on the theme, "killing a couple of flies now may be equivalent to killing several millions in the summer."—United Press.

Doctor Dies

Dr. Iain Bergius, of Messrs Anderson and Partners, died this morning at the Queen Mary Hospital after a short illness. He is survived by his widow and three children.

A funeral service will be held at Union Church, Kennedy Road, at 3 p.m. tomorrow, followed by interment at the Colonial Cemetery.

UNION PROBE MYSTERY

Detroit, Dec. 22.
The body of the chief investigator of the still unsolved shooting of United Auto Workers chief Walter Reuther was found by a Sunday stroller today floating on ice-cold Lake St Clair about four blocks from the lake-front home from which he disappeared a week ago.

Ralph Winstead, 64, was last seen alive only a few hours before he was to have testified in a \$4,500,000 malicious prosecution suit against the UAW and police in connection with the investigation of the shootings of Reuther and his brother, Victor Reuther, in 1948 and 1949.

When Winstead disappeared, UAW officials said he could have been the victim of foul play. Police said today the cause of death would be listed as accidental until the results of a post mortem investigation were known.

Autopsy

An autopsy indicated Winstead died of "asphyxiation due to drowning." Dr. Raymond Markie, Macomb County Coroner, said the results were final pending a chemical analysis of the stomach contents. The analysis was necessary, he said, to determine if Winstead might have possibly taken or been given a drug.

Markie said the body had been in the water "for several days," but there were no outer indications of violence and the autopsy indicated the death was "accidental."

Winstead donned fishing clothes and kissed his wife, Zona, goodbye around 8 a.m. last Sunday. A man fitting his description was seen walking on the ice-coated Lake St Clair a short time later.

When Winstead failed to return home, his wife notified the police. A search was begun for him immediately. Several days of mild temperature thawed the ice on the lake making it possible to conduct dragging operations.

Dragging

The dragging began on Thursday, and Michigan State Police skiffs divers also went down in the lake in suburban Detroit to look for Winstead.

St. Clair shore's police chief Harvey Champline was directing dragging operations today in front of the Winstead home when A. G. Brice found the body bobbing against a sea wall.

—United Press.

Tiger Hunt

Kuant, Dec. 22.
Parties from three villages near this eastern Malaya town are hunting a tiger which had killed 18 cows.—Reuter.

Neutrality Contrary To Modern Life

Paris, Dec. 22.
French Foreign Minister, Christian Pineau, told an audience here today that the problem of setting up rocket launching bases in Western Europe was a false one. "Every country is obliged to follow the armaments progress achieved by other nations or else give up its own national defence," he said.

"Neutrality is absolutely contrary to modern life and, no country can be neutral in the present era."

Pineau said there were two solutions: general armament or disarmament. "I prefer the latter," he said, "and this is why at NATO we stressed the need to seek means for disarmament."

DIRECTORATE

"Other countries would then be faced with a Russian-American directorate which would end our country's independence," Pineau said. He added that there could be no question of agreeing to banning atomic tests without demanding the destruction of existing stocks of atomic bombs.

Pineau stressed that an agreement on disarmament presupposed the organisation of free control, suppression of the iron curtain and free communication between peoples. France had asked for another Foreign Ministers' meeting, he said, but this "should not prevent us from organising independent French defence," he added.—France-Press.

Resettlement Estates Welcome Governor

By a China Mail Reporter

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, spent several hours this morning on a farewell tour of the Government Resettlement Estates in Kowloon and showed great personal interest in the welfare of the thousands who had been resettled.

Everywhere Sir Alexander went, he was greeted with a boisterous welcome by the inhabitants of the estates. Sir Alexander was surrounded by children who expressed spontaneous and genuine pleasure at seeing the Governor who has done so much for them.

Sir Alexander, discarding formality, shook the hands of many of the humblest citizens. At the Tai Hang Tung Resettlement District the Governor was stopped by an old man who showed his fondness and respect for His Excellency by making a presentation of a scroll and a set of Chinese books.

Sir Alexander visited the rooftop clubs and schools in the resettlement district. At the Norwegian Missionary Society School the children presented the Governor with an album containing photographs of the progress of the clubs.

Before concluding his tour, the Governor visited the ancient tomb at Li Cheng Uk Village.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Your mother insisted on that car we got you so you wouldn't be late for school—now you're telling me you're tardy because you can't find a parking place?"

Appeal Against Court Judgment

An appeal against the judgment of Mr Justice T. J. Gould who had found in favour of a housewife in her claim for recovery of a loan of \$10,000, was brought before the Full Court this morning.

DOCKYARD NORMAL

Employees of the Royal Naval Dockyard are working as usual this morning and a naval spokesman said "everything is normal in the works" today.

The spokesman told the China Mail that the Civil Secretary of the Dockyard was meeting representatives of the various unions concerned to resume discussions broken off last Friday.

SALK VACCINE SUCCESSFUL

Cebu, Dec. 22.
An 18-months poliomyelitis immunisation campaign with the American Salk vaccine has been "dramatically successful," the Australian Health Minister, Dr. Donald Cameron, said tonight.

He said 90 per cent of children under 15 years had received a substantial degree of protection. More than 2,500,000 Australians had either begun or completed immunisation courses. In the past 12 months only 138 cases had been notified whereas according to the pattern of recent years it could have been between 1,000 and 2,000.—Reuter.

PEN PALS

Kumiko Ohkawara, 231, 6-chome, Asagaya, Suganami-ku, Tokyo. Office girl (23), wishes to correspond in English, photographs of Hongkong.

A FAIRY TALE?

THE HERRING GULL WITH A SECRET!

Southampton, Dec. 23.
Gertie, the herring gull with a secret, is today flying somewhere over the Atlantic—wearing a gold engagement ring.

She left Southampton yesterday as mysteriously as she had arrived a few days earlier.

Gertie was found exhausted, staggering along a busy road here.

Too tired to resist arrest, she was taken to a Blue Cross animal shelter where Bert Butler, the superintendent, discovered engagement ring on one leg.

NINE CARAT

It was of nine carat gold with three amethysts in an elaborate setting. A fourth stone was missing.

Mr Butler said the ring was very thin and had obviously been on the bird's leg a long time.

It was unlikely, he added, that anyone would have put it there. The bird had possibly slipped the ring over her leg while foraging at a holiday resort.

But this did not explain how the ring had got over Gertie's large webbed foot.

A PRINCESS?

Yesterday, Mr Butler decided that Gertie had recovered sufficiently to be released.

She wheeled over the animal shelter a few times, crying plaintively, then made for the sea.

Mr Butler told reporters: "I think she'll be back. She was so friendly she was almost human." Children who gave Gertie a big meal of herrings before she left believe she was a princess turned into a bird by a wicked fairy.

And today no adult in Southampton could think of a better theory.—China Mail Special.

TWO GIRLS SENTENCED TO DEATH

Algiers, Dec. 22.
Two Muslim girls aged 16 and 20 were sentenced to death here today for helping to plant time bombs which killed 10 people and injured 45 in two Algiers football stadiums last February 10.

Djouer Akrouf, 20, was found guilty of helping Rahal Bouloum place a bomb which killed nine people and injured 30 in Algiers Municipal Stadium.

Baye Hocins, 16, was found guilty of placing, with Mohamed Balleme, a bomb which killed one person and injured 15 at the suburban ground of the El Biar Club. Bouloum and Balleme have since been tried and gillotined.—Reuter.

From the Files

25 years AGO

PRINCIPAL Chinese Detective, Sek Fui arrested a Chinese in Reclamation Street on Tuesday night and in his shoes found two forged \$10 Chartered Bank notes. The man was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr Justice at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday.

Lillian Knutson, aged four, who resides with her parents at 3 Kennedy Villas, Kimberley Road, was bitten on the hip by a dog in the Chiu Kee Gardens, Kimberley Road, yesterday afternoon.

DURING the absence in Macao of Leung Sook-kan, a married woman living at 31 Wing Wo Street, a thief presented himself at the address with a letter purporting to have been written by her, and secured possession of three trunks containing dresses worth \$200. The fraud was discovered on the woman's return on Wednesday.

The headmaster of the Central British School, Mr G. Franklin Nightingale, gave a very enjoyable Christmas party to his senior pupils on Wednesday evening in the school hall.

THE chapel dedicated to the use of the Little Sisters of the Poor and their charges, was opened and blessed by Monsignor H. Valtorta, Roman Catholic Bishop of Hongkong, yesterday afternoon in the Kowloon City district on Suikung Road.

Serious injuries including a fractured leg, were received by Mr T. H. Pearce, of the staff of St Francis Hotel, when he fell from his motor-cycle in the early hours of yesterday morning.

MR Walker, of the Hongkong Jockey Club Stables, was driving a private motor car along Queen's Road East on Thursday afternoon at 3.30 p.m., when passing Grand Theatre he knocked down Kwong Mok-kam, aged six, who received a fractured shin bone.

OKLAHOMA: George Birdwell, lieutenant of the notorious desperado, Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, died today in a furious gun fight in the little bank of Holey village just after he had killed a white-haired negro resident.

CANTON: The locomotive on the Canton-Shamshui Railway started from the railway yards here recently and sped to Fatsan on its own accord. Locomotive No. 21 left the Shek Wu Tai yard on its own accord due to a leaky steam valve and an over-intense fire in the furnace. It was not until the train stopped at Fatsan that it was discovered that there was no one on the locomotive.

The total number of unemployed in the world today is estimated at 30,000,000 in the report just submitted to the member states by the International Labour Office attached to the League of Nations.

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